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Police hunt murder suspect

Garcia nabbed

BY RICHARD MEEK
An intense manhunt continued throughout Wednesday night for a suspect wanted in the brutal murder of a Hancock County woman on Monday night.

Fritz Garcia, 41, is wanted for the murder of Ruth Tuller, 55, of Hancock County, according to Hancock County Sheriff Ronnie Peterson. Tuller's mutilated body was found Tuesday night in her residence at 10030 Quail Way, which is located just off Blue Meadow Road just outside the Bay St. Louis city limits.

Garcia, who was reported to

have been living with Tuller, was released in the past year after serving 15 years in the state correctional facility in Parchman for armed robbery and rape of a juvenile. Peterson said Garcia should be considered armed and "very, very dangerous."

Peterson said late Wednesday he "highly suspects" Garcia is in the area and is asking citizens to lock their doors at night and not to leave keys in their vehicles. He said Garcia was spotted in the area on several occasions since the murder.

Garcia reportedly used the

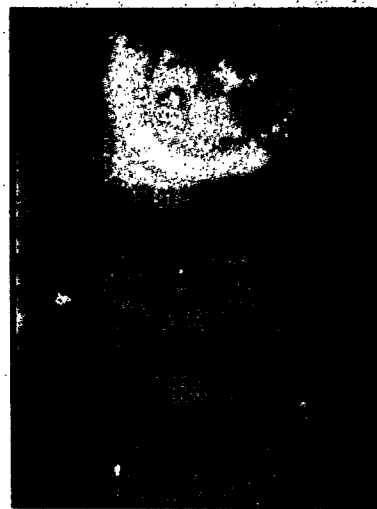
victim's ATM card at several locations within the county Tuesday.

Peterson said it is believed Garcia has shaved his mustache.

The sheriff said neighbors became suspicious when Tuller, a home health care nurse, was not seen and her mail had not been picked up. The sheriff's office was notified, and Deputy Bruce Polpus, who lives in the area, was dispatched Tuesday about 8 p.m. to investigate.

Polpus observed that the

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Ruth Tuller

Feds raid Krishna business

BY ED LEPOMA

At least two sources have confirmed that as many as 30 federal agents swooped down on a Hari Krishna-run business in rural Hancock County last Friday morning, seizing payroll and other records and questioning some employees for hours.

The raid on the Touchstone Design Studios in Leetown was led by agents associated with the Criminal Investigative Division of the Internal Revenue Service, and agents from Jackson, Gulfport and the New Orleans's office were involved. The raid was first report by an employee of the studio, then confirmed by Earl Denham, an Ocean Springs attorney who said he has represented the Krishna community since they came to Hancock County.

Denham said, "This wouldn't even be news if somebody other than the Krishnas were involved. These seizures happen every day to persons and businesses all over the country."

Denham emphasized, "No one has been arrested, and we cooperated fully by turning over records they requested."

Denham said the studio was incorporated as the New Orleans Vedic Society and reproduces artwork associated with many masters of the art world. The Society displays and sells the reproductions in showrooms in New Orleans, Dallas,

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Contract conflict possible

BY RICHARD MEEK

Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre said he was not aware that a construction firm owned by the son of City Inspector Bill Carrigee was a subcontractor for the recently completed Senior Citizen Center.

Rather, Favre said, he was under the impression that Bill Carrigee Jr. and not FAST (Father and Son Team) Inc., had received the work from Saucier Construction, the general contractor for the nearly \$500,000 project. FAST completed the cabinet work at the center, according to sources close to the center.

"I was under the assumption little Bill (Carrigee Jr.) had done it, not as FAST Inc.," Favre said.

Carrigee Jr. is listed as the President/Vice President of FAST with the state Secretary of State's office. Susan Carrigee, the wife of Bill Carrigee Sr., is listed as the Secretary/Treasurer. The firm's address is the same as Bill and Susan Carrigee's home address.

Favre admitted to a potential conflict since Carrigee's role as city inspector could force him at times to inspect the work of a firm owned by his own son, and that lists his wife as an officer.

"I do see it as a potential problem," he said. But the mayor added that when FAST completes work in Bay St. Louis, another inspector is used so as "not to give the

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Testing continues

Ron Magee, NASA's environmental officer at the Stennis Space Center, this week gave the Echo a tour of sites where various stages of contamination might require a cleanup. Lead paint chips, waste cleaning agents and hydraulic fluids have been deposited at three of four test stands and monitoring is being done to determine the extent of contamination and develop a strategy for cleaning up the areas and other sites where contamination is suspected. (Echo staff photo by Richard Meek)

State unemployment drops to 20-year low

BY BETSY GAGNET

The January unemployment rate in Mississippi was 5.9%, the lowest January rate since 1974.

Hancock County's unemployment rate is 4.8%, placing it 22nd out of the 82 counties in the state, according to figures released by the Mississippi Employment Security Commission's (MESC) Department of Labor Market Information.

The national unemployment rate for January was 5.9%.

Cindy Vernon, Executive Director of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce said the numbers show a big change from when she began at the Chamber in 1991.

"When I first got here, the unemployment was the lowest, but it was next and Hancock County was last," Vernon

would seem to indicate fewer people would be in search of employment, the opposite is true according to Ann Ladner of the Hancock County MESC employment office.

Ladner said she has more applicants for jobs than ever before.

However, many of the applicants are already employed but are looking for advancement.

The employed applicants often have better skills to offer new employers, she said.

"We are seeing more people who are employed and looking for something better," Ladner said. "There are more applicants from out of state, too."

The number of jobs available is also on the rise according to Ladner, with some better paying jobs becoming available.

"We are able to match up more people with jobs because

we are seeing better skilled people," Ladner said.

In addition to an increase in people seeking better jobs, some area businesses are reporting greater financial stability in their customer base.

Local automobile sales may be benefiting from the increase in employment stability, according to David Depreo, Finance Manager at Charlie Henderson Ford in Waveland.

Depreo, who does much of the financial analysis on buyers wanting to finance purchases, said local sales have increased over 35% since 1993, compared with 20% nationally. "People coming in are more financially stable than in the past," Depreo said. "Business is booming on the Coast. We had a great year last year."

Mark DeRussy at DeRussy

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Little League

Waveland Little League will have registration today and Friday, March 14, 6-9 p.m. at Elwood Bourgeois Park, and Sunday, March 16, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Wal-Mart and Kmart.

Registration is open to children in Hancock County who will be five years old on or before August 1, 1997.

Fees are \$25 for the first child, \$20 for the second and \$15 for any additional child.

St. Pat parade

The Waveland Civic Association's annual St. Patrick's Day parade is scheduled for Saturday, March 15 at 2 p.m.

The parade will begin at the intersection of Waveland and Central, proceed down Central to Coleman Ave., Coleman to Beach Blvd., Beach to Lafitte, Lafitte to Central, and disband at Central and Coleman.

Tryouts

The Bay St. Louis Babe Ruth Baseball and ASA Girls Slowpitch Softball League will hold tryouts today for boys ages 9-10 and girls ages 7-10 at 6 p.m. at the Athletic Drive ballfields.

Tryouts for boys ages 11-12 and girls ages 11-14 will be on Friday, March 14, same time and place.

All players, new and returning are required to try-out. Registration will be held at this time.

For more information call David Strong at 467-6929 or Terry McQueen at 467-9531.

Spring revival

First Missionary Baptist Church, Sycamore and Third Street in Bay St. Louis is having its spring revival beginning Monday, March 17-21, 7:30 p.m. nightly.

Evangelist for the week will be Rev. Bruce Davis of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Gulfport.

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Sat.	5:00 a.	1:21 p.
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Mon.	7:01 p.	5:55 a.
Tues.	8:05 p.	6:45 a.
Wed.	9:07 p.	7:28 a.
Thur.	10:07 p.	8:04 a.

Pilgrimage begins

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Garden Clubs celebrated the opening of the 50th Annual Spring Pilgrimage with a reception and welcome Tuesday. Honorary chairman, Mrs. Patricia Fordice, right, welcomed guests with Bay Waveland Garden Club. Mrs. Patricia Fordice, right, welcomed guests with Bay Waveland Garden Club. Mrs. Patricia Fordice, right, welcomed guests with Bay Waveland Garden Club.

OBITUARIES

ETHEL C. HARRIS
JOHN R. HERRON
AVA M. HODA
GRACE V. LADNER
ANTHONY J. MERANTO
MARSHALL MITCHELL
WILLIAM W. OGDEN
EMMA L. VAN PESKI
HAROLD PIZZETTA SR.
HELEN JEAN SMITH

ETHEL C. HARRIS
 Ethel "Tillie" Cousin Harris, 95, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, March 4, 1997, in Gulfport. Mrs. Harris was a native of Louisiana and lived in Bay St. Louis for many years. Survivors include a companion, Jack Anderson. A memorial service was conducted Tuesday at Lockett-Williams Mortuary in Gulfport.

JOHN R. HERRON
 John Robert "Bob" Herron, 78, of Picayune, died Wednesday, March 12, 1997 in Picayune. Mr. Herron was a native of Kirksville, Mo. He attended St. Charles Catholic Church in Picayune and was retired from Sears-Roebuck & Company after 30 years of service. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II with Co. B 50th Signal Battalion and was awarded five Bronze Stars. He served in Normandy, France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe and was entitled to wear the European-African Middle Eastern Theatre Campaign Ribbon and two Overseas Bars. He was preceded in death by his parents, James Carl and Clara Mae Bradshaw Herron; a son, John Robert "Bobby" Herron Jr.; a brother, Frank Herron; and a sister, Mary Louise Herron Hancock. Survivors include his wife, Ruth Noto Herron of Picayune; a son, Michael A. Herron of Picayune; daughters Sandra H. Simmons of Clanton, Ala., Jeanette H. Gierlings of Slidell, La., Donna H. Perez of Madisonville, La., and Paul H. Van-

ney of Bay St. Louis; a sister, Clara Mae Herron Wasyluk of Honolulu, Hawaii; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Visitation will be today from 6-9 p.m. at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Mass will be celebrated Friday, March 14 at 11 a.m. at Riemann Funeral Home Chapel in Bay St. Louis. Burial will be in Biloxi National Cemetery.

AVA M. HODA
 Ava M. Hoda, 83, of Gulfport, died Friday, March 7, 1997, in Gulfport. Mrs. Hoda was born in Kiln and was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Gulfport.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clemence Hoda; daughters Ava Lee and Bonnie Tomasich; her parents, Zeno and Katherine Ladner Hoda; four sisters and a brother. Survivors include four sons, Estes Hoda, Paul Hoda, both of Gulfport, Herman Hoda of Poplarville and C. J. Hoda of Saucier; four daughters, Elaine Holland, Sandra Boudreaux, Glenda Ladner, all of Saucier, and Florence Haggerton of Gulfport; a sister, Ethylene Ladner of Kiln; 20 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Visitation was Sunday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport. Services were conducted Monday at the funeral home chapel. Burial was in Fenton Sandhill Cemetery.

GRACE V. LADNER
 Grace V. Ladner, 75, of Pass Christian, died Saturday, March 8, 1997, in Gulfport. Mrs. Ladner was born in Harrison County and had been a lifelong resident of the Coast. She was a longtime employee with Moviestar of Poplarville. She was a member of Wolf Creek Baptist Church in Standard. She was preceded in death by her husband, Olen Ladner; a

daughter, June Cuevas; her parents, John and Laura De-shamp; two sisters, and two brothers.

Survivors include four daughters, Fatsy Harrel of Perkinston, Jo Ellen Necaise of Bay St. Louis, Betty Necaise and Elaine Gibson; a sister, Mas Martin, all of Pass Christian; 13 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Sunday evening at Wolf Creek Baptist Church. Services were conducted Monday at the church. Burial was in Standard Sand Hill Cemetery. Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

ANTHONY J. MERANTO
 Anthony J. Meranto, 61, of Chalmette, La., died Sunday, March 9, 1997, in Bay St. Louis. Mr. Meranto was sent from Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis to St. Bernard Memorial Funeral Home in St. Bernard, La. for services and burial.

MARSHALL MITCHELL
 Marshall J. Mitchell, 61, of Kiln, died Saturday, March 8, 1997, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Mitchell was born in Hancock County and was a lifelong resident of Kiln. He retired as a bus driver for the RTA in New Orleans after over 30 years of service. He was a Baptist. He was preceded in death by his parents, Kire and Cornelia Necaise Mitchell; a brother, Kire C. Mitchell Jr.; and three sisters, Mignon Bonvillian, Margie Woods and Ruby Fayard.

Survivors include his wife, Olla Faye Mitchell of Kiln; a son, Benjamin E. Mitchell of Kenner, La.; three brothers, Russell Mitchell of New Orleans, Leland Mitchell of Starkville and Melvin Mitchell of Bay St. Louis; and two sisters, Muriel Necaise and Janice Saucier, both of Pass Christian.

Visitation was Monday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Services were conducted Tuesday at the funeral home chapel. Burial was in Bayou Coco Cemetery.

WILLIAM W. OGDEN
 Dr. William W. Ogden, 70, of Jefferson, La., died Friday, March 7, 1997, in Bay St. Louis.

Dr. Ogden was sent from Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis to Lakelawn Metairie Funeral Home in New Orleans for services.

EMMA L. VAN PESKI
 Emma L. Van Peski, 84, of Bay St. Louis, died Thursday, March 6, 1997, in Gulfport. Mrs. Van Peski was a native of New Orleans and a longtime resident of Bay St. Louis. She was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, A. C. Fred Van Peski; and a brother, Rosendo Jurado.

Survivors include sons Fred A. Van Peski, Rosendo C. Van Peski, Republic of Panama, Roberto F. Van Peski and daughter-in-law Jean Necaise of Bay St. Louis; a daughter, Martha L. Van Peski of Bay St.

Louis and longtime family friend, Marilyn E. Brumfield of Bay St. Louis; brothers, Guillermo Jurado Salles and Ricardo Jurado, both of Republic of Panama; sisters, Josefa Alegre, Oelia Gonzalez, Yolanda Vargas and Elsie Smith, all of Republic of Panama and Ligia E. Howard, Glendale, Calif.; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Monday at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers memorials to National Kidney Foundation, of Mississippi, 2640 Riverhills Drive, Suite 101, Jackson, MS 39216, 1-800-622-9010.

HAROLD PIZZETTA SR.
 Harold E. "Hal" Pizzetta Sr., 76, of Pass Christian, died Friday, March 7, 1997, in Pass Christian.

Mr. Pizzetta was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Pass Christian for the past 16 years. He was a Navy veteran of WWII and the Korean War. He retired as an industrial salesman for Snap-On Tools Corp. He was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian. He was past commander of U.S. Power Squadron, Mississippi Coast, and a member of National Squadron for 32 years.

He was preceded in death by a son, Harold E. Pizzetta Jr. Survivors include his wife, Shirley Blanchard Pizzetta; a son, Kenneth E. Pizzetta, both of Pass Christian; a daughter, Lynn Ann Pizzetta Welch of Maine; and four grandchildren.

Visitation was Sunday evening at Lamana-Panno-Fallo Funeral Home in New Orleans. Services were conducted Tuesday at the funeral home chapel. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery in New Orleans.

Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of local arrangements.

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Kay McCardle St. Joseph's Altar set

The annual St. Joseph's Altar given by Kay McCardle, 410 S. Central Avenue, Waveland, will be held on Wednesday, Mar 19.

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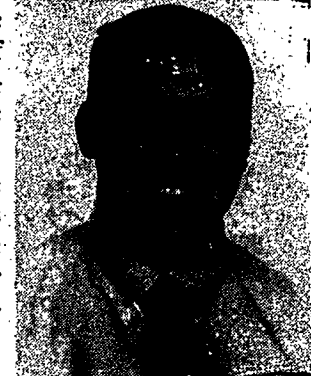
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ST. ANN-ST. JOHN NEWS

Friday through Sunday, March 14-16, St. Ann-St. John CYO members will be attending the annual CYO Convention at the Gulf Coast Coliseum to be presented by Fr. John Parks "Salesian Order."

Daily Mass at St. Ann's during Lent: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. On Wednesdays Way of the Cross is followed by the Holy Mass at 6 p.m. at St. Ann.

March 15-20 the annual Parish Mission will be presented by Father Jon Parks "Salesian Order" each day at 8:30 a.m. at St. Ann and 7 p.m. at St. John, Lakeshore.

The choir will practice each Wednesday at 7 p.m. at St. Ann Church.

Waveland property drawing: We are planning a raffle for one of the property lots donated to our parish by Dr. Huey and Dorothy Stephens of Lafayette, La. Ticket donations will be \$25 each. We are mailing each family in the parish one ticket. Please help us by taking and selling other tickets. We have to sell a minimum of 200 tickets to meet the estimated value of the property as required by the diocese. At a later date we will plan a party at which the drawing will take place.

The choir will practice very Wednesday from 7-7:30 p.m. for Easter.

Father Kelly will be attending a Priests Retreat this week. Father Winters will be on call. He can be reached at 466-5610.

The Annual Parish Mission

will be presented by Fr. Jon D. Parks March 14-20 at St. Ann-St. John churches. Theme is Walking Straight on the Crooked Road.

For information, call 467-4746.

Saturday and Sunday: Mission talks at the Masses. Theme: Called by God to Daily Decide to Love Him and Walk Straight on a Crooked Path.

Monday: Theme, Our Relationship with God. 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Ann (Anointing of the Sick); 7 p.m. Prayer Service at St. John (Anointing of the Sick).

Tuesday: Theme, Friendship with God and Neighbor. 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Ann; 7 p.m. at St. John; Rite of Reconciliation.

Wednesday: Theme, Community to God and Community. 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Ann; 7 p.m. at St. John; Scriptural Way of Cross for Youth/Parish.

Thursday: Theme is Spirituality in Community. 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Ann; 7 p.m. at St. John, closing with Papal Blessing.

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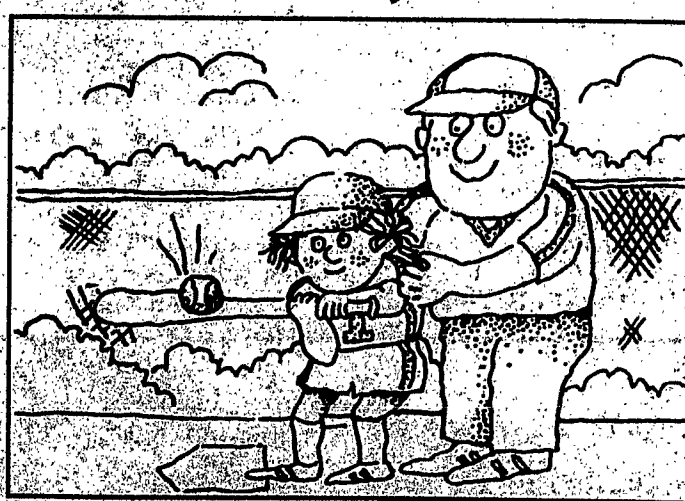


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Boudin says firm could collect fees

BY ED LEPOMA

The man who picks up household garbage throughout Hancock County says he would take on the job of billing and collecting from customers.

Joey Boudin, president of Boudin's Waste and Recycling, said he thinks he can do a better job and compile a more accurate list of customers within a year.

"First, I would have to negotiate a separate contract with the Hancock County Solid Waste Board," said Boudin. He said the charge would depend on whether the county wants to continue costly monthly billing or go to a twice a year or yearly payment system.

Boudin said he now bills and

collects for some households in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, and has the computer capability needed to handle billing for Hancock County.

If awarded a contract, Boudin said he planned to put one person "out in the field, going house to house, for a year or however long it will take" to compile a more accurate list.

The Solid Waste District has had problems collecting the \$5 monthly fee from rural residents who get once a week garbage pickups. The District compiled a customer base after a windshield survey made by Boudin and the District, which estimated there were approximately 9,400 rural customers.

County administrator Tim Kellar fields calls daily from residents who cite one reason or another why that should be exempt from the monthly charge or contend the bill is incorrect.

Kellar recently reported that delinquent bills now total \$485,000, and estimates 46 percent of rural residents aren't paying the monthly bill.

Boudin himself revealed he hasn't paid a garbage bill for the last three years.

"I bought my house (on Fig Street) off Harbor Drive eight years ago, and the bill is still coming to the name of the former owner," said Boudin.

He said the arrears now total \$175, but he doesn't pay it because he has a dumpster in his yard for household garbage and his crews pick it up regularly.

"In all this time, no one has contacted me about the arrears, no one has threatened to cut off service," said Boudin.

Les Fillingame, who serves as chairman of the Solid Waste District, warns supervisors should be cautious before contracting with anyone for billing and collecting.

"We've got to be careful about how much enforcement power we give the contractor," said Fillingame.

"Will he be permitted to stop garbage pickups if someone refuses to pay? That could lead to more problems," said Fillingame.

Fillingame said there might be other options available for enforcement.

"If a person's garbage isn't picked up regularly, and people are disposing of it on their property, then it could be considered a health violation," Fillingame explained.

In that case, Fillingame said, the county health department could cite the resident, claiming he is living in unsanitary conditions and endangering the public health.

He said there might be a way the county can adopt a twice yearly or once a year payment to encourage residents to pay for garbage pickup.

"There's no doubt, the monthly billing is costly and cumbersome," said Fillingame.

He suggested the county might be able to issue a garbage sticker, similar to ones issued for vehicle inspections.

"We might be able to attach the stickers to the posts of mail boxes in the rural areas," said Fillingame. "This would tell the collector that this resident has paid for garbage pickup, and the sticker could be renewed every six months or once a year."

Hancock County supervisors are expected to meet with the Solid Waste District soon to tackle the delinquency problem. At the end of the fiscal year last September, supervisors had to take \$107,000 out of the special gaming funds to make up for the shortfall caused by rural residents who refused to pay for garbage pickup.

DECA club needs funding

BY RICHARD MEEK

Members of the Bay High School DECA club breezed through competition at the district and state levels, but their toughest foe may be their own school board.

DECA members and club sponsor Jane Lamb appeared before the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School Board on Monday night asking the board to help defray expenses for 10 students to travel to the national competition scheduled in April in Anaheim, Calif. Lamb was hoping to receive nearly \$6,000, which would cover airfare and the cost of lodging.

Lamb said she plans to put four students in a room and she will stay with two teachers from other districts. The students have agreed to pay for meals themselves.

Lamb pointed out to the

board that club members had already paid their own way to the district and state competitions.

"The kids have already paid \$7,000 (combined) out of their pocket and we're tapped," she said.

But they left the meeting with no money, only a guarantee the board would investigate the fiscal feasibility of helping pay for the trip. Meanwhile, board members, with the exception of Frank Perniciaro who was absent, suggested the DECA club contact banks for donations and to schedule fund raisers.

Lamb informed board members that Bay High had the highest number of national qualifiers of any school in the state. In the district competition, 400 students competed for 60 state spots. Bay High gar-

nered 22 of those spots.

"It is an honor for our school," said Sgt. Don Watson of the Bay St. Louis Police Department, who was one of the chaperones for the state competition in Jackson.

"It is an honor to be with these kids," he added. "They represent what Bay St. Louis is all about."

Bob Toups of Laidlaw, who was the bus driver for DECA, also spoke out on behalf of the club members. He said the students have "excelled in every place I've been with them."

"I'm impressed with this group," he added. "When I come across a group like this, I like to speak up for them. I see the positive. They are worth getting to know."

Board President Richard Flowers, elected to that position only moments earlier, said it was "nice to have positive things about youngsters."

But he quickly warned that the board "was strapped for funds."

"We will have to look at (DECA's request) hard and carefully," he added. "I'm not so sure we can support all of it. I urge you to look at other sources of funding, including banks, and other fund raisers."

"More and more, we are seeing needs for funds that aren't necessarily there."

Flowers instructed district Business Manager Garland Cuevas to review the budget and determine if funds were available.

In another matter, the board agreed to spend anywhere from \$2,200 to \$4,000 to refinish the gym floor at Bay Middle School. The board must decide to either completely strip and refinish the floor or have it sanded and two coats of sealer applied.

The meeting was also the first for new board appointee Barbara Boston. Boston was appointed by Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre to fill the seat of former Board President David Turcotte.

Turcotte's term recently expired. Flowers was elected president and Cleve Williams secretary.

Board members also accepted the resignations of assistant football coaches Neil Metheny and Joey Brockhoff. Brockhoff is also the Tigers' former baseball coach.

Correction

The morning tour for the Spring Pilgrimage in Bay St. Louis-Waveland on March 20 is 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Afternoon tour is 1-4 p.m.

Rutherford earns recertification

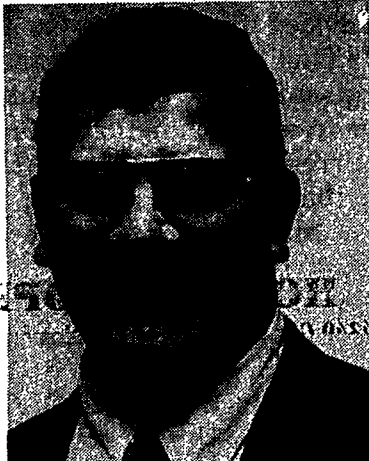
Dr. J. D. Rutherford III of Bay St. Louis recently fulfilled recertification requirements of the American Board of Pathology, designating him Board Certified in Anatomical and Clinical Pathology for the next 10 years. This is the first time the organization offered recertification.

Dr. Rutherford has been resident pathologist at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis since 1978.

He attended the University of Southern Mississippi from 1962-65 and received his medical degree from the University of Mississippi Medical School. He completed his internship at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio.

His residency in anatomic pathology was completed at the University of Mississippi Medical School, while a residency in clinical pathology was finished at the Louisiana State University School of Medicine at Charity Hospital in New Orleans.

Dr. Rutherford has been on the Hancock Medical Center medical staff since 1970, and currently serves as vice-chief-of-staff. He previously served as chief-of-staff for three terms. In addition, he chaired the Tissue and Transfusion Committee from 1978-1996, the Infectious Disease Committee and Environmental Safety Committee.



Dr. J. D. Rutherford III

He was on the teaching faculty at the University of Mississippi and Louisiana State University, where he taught pathology to medical and dental hygiene students.

Dr. Rutherford is a former member of the Bay Catholic School Board and currently serves on the board of Our Lady Academy. He has been on the Finance Committee and Land Acquisition and Development Committee of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church.

As medical director of the HMC blood bank, he is a strong proponent of volunteer blood donation. He

is former chairman of Ducks Unlimited in Hancock County, and enjoys hunting and fishing when time permits. He and his wife, the former Geraldine Kidd, have two daughters, Julie and Jill, and a son, Johnny.

Obituaries

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HELEN JEAN SMITH
Helen Jean Smith, 64, of Pass Christian, died Sunday, March 9, 1997, in Jackson.

Mrs. Smith was a native of Columbia and a Baptist.

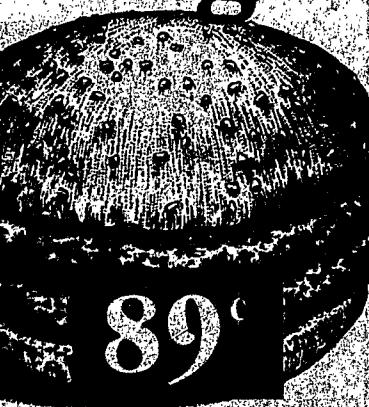
She was preceded in death by her husband, A. D. Smith; a daughter, Betty Jean Smith; her parents, Oscar T. and Gertrude Lambert Brown; and a brother, Jackie Brown.

Survivors include four sons, Alton Ray Smith, Wayne Allen Smith, Alton Dwayne Smith, all of Pass Christian, and Donald Lane Smith of Erath, La.; a daughter, Pamela Jean Norton of Pass Christian; two brothers, Adolphus Brown and Roy Brown, both of Hattiesburg; two sisters, Arretta Baker of Hattiesburg and Jeannette Shaw of Shreveport, La.; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday evening at the home of Wayne and Norma Smith in Pass Christian. Services were conducted Wednesday at the Smith home (Burial was in Evergreen Gardens in Gulfport).

Edmond Smith, funeral home in Bay St. Louis, was in charge of arrangements.

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"CUEVAS" QUOTES

By Ellis C. Cuevas

Do not forget the annual Waveland Civic Association's St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday, March 15, at 2 p.m.

Jay Fountain, Civic Association president, as well as organization members expects that this will be one of their largest parades this year.

There will be marching groups, floats, individuals, etc., for the 33rd year for the St. Patrick's parade which travels the streets of Waveland.

Fountain reports the organization has also added several new floats this year.

The parade rolls at 2 p.m. following formation which begins at noon on Waveland at Central Avenues.

The parade route is Waveland Avenue to Central Avenue; Central to Coleman Avenue, Coleman to Beach Boulevard; Beach to Lafitte Drive; Lafitte to Central; Central to Coleman to disband.

I hope to see you at the parade Saturday afternoon.

Ernie Cuevas, owner of the Arrow-C-Wash in Waveland on Auderer Boulevard, has a garbage problem.

He reports that on the day of the Mardi Gras parade, someone from Harrison County dumped a pickup truck load of trash and garbage on the property next to his business.

Cuevas said he has made all types of complaints to local officials, but has not gotten anywhere.

A big problem now is that the pile of trash is growing, as others are adding to the pile.

It is wondered if this will become the new Hancock County Landfill, right in the middle of Waveland!

A couple issues ago I commented on how courteous the drivers appeared to be on Highways 90 and 603.

Boy was I wrong, as the rain must have really been the cause for the courtesies that particular morning.

There appears to be a real problem spot on Highway 603 at the Stennis Airport intersection. There have been several accidents.

Motorists must remember the speed limit drops to 45 mph during school opening and closing hours.

Motorists also need to yield to traffic when turning into the school's drive.

Our children's safety is most important, and we have an obligation to see that they arrive at school safely.



FROM THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE

By Representative Dirk Dedeaux

House approves education funds

The Mississippi House of Representatives bit the bullet and tightened its belt to find funds to improve education. Last week we passed the Mississippi Adequate Education Act that will put funds into capital improvements for school buildings statewide.

Education is one of the factors that industries look at when they consider moving to Mississippi. Many companies do not wish to move their employees to a state where schools are overcrowded and the building are in need of repair. Better education is just one more incentive to offer for attracting better paying jobs to the state.

Hancock County is the fastest growing county in the state, and we are in desperate need of expanded facilities and classroom space. As industries continue to move into our area, our children more than ever need training for these new jobs.

From 1998 to 2002 under the Mississippi Adequate Education bill, Hancock County

School District could receive up to \$1.4 million for capital improvements. Bay St. Louis Separate School District could receive about 1.7 million. This is in addition to normal funds.

At \$3,549 per pupil for the fiscal year of 1995-96, Mississippi ranked 51 in state and local funds being spent. Other states around us have the following ranks in per pupil expenditure: Rank State Per Pupil

42 Tennessee \$4,302
43 Louisiana \$4,209
47 Alabama \$4,031
48 Arkansas \$3,999
51 Mississippi \$3,549

When fully implemented, if other states do not change, Mississippi will pull past Utah to rank 50th. We must remain committed to education if we are to improve the quality of life and the economy of our state. More importantly this will benefit Hancock County directly.

Rep. Dirk Dedeaux may be contacted in Jackson at (601) 359-3770 or at home on the weekends at (601) 255-6171.

THE PEOPLE'S BUSINESS

A Weekly Editorial From Mississippi Economic Council



This time government worked

Once upon a time in the days of the Chicken Wars, the growers and the processors were feuding.

Strife spilled into the halls of the Mississippi Legislature, and there was gnashing of teeth and utterances of profane language. Growers said they were being treated unfairly. The processors said they were being treated unfairly.

Some legislators said the laws should be written so that

peace and harmony. Government, they argued, should intervene. A heavy hammer would force laws mandating relationships.

Calm voices urged big government restraint. These were private disputes, they said, not the government's business. The government should not interfere in the private sector.

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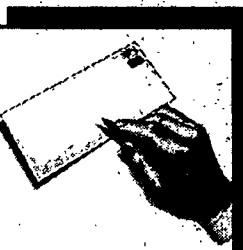
Government's only role would be as a wise and kindly mediator. There would be no heavy-handed edicts or punishing laws. Big government would sit on the sidelines and let private parties resolve their differences.

And it came to pass, when the Legislature passed the laws, that the growers and the processors

Some legislators said the laws should be written so that

Hope Haven gift

The children of Bay-Waveland Montessori School presented a basket of groceries to Hope Haven. Students in photo are, from left, Kyle Brown, Cyndi Fouasnon, Michelle Defrates, Amanda Fouasnon, Jacob Cross, Brinna Gilmore and Jordan Duncan; top row, is Cynthia Lowe, director and Valorie Edenfield of Hope Haven. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Teens and time

To the Editor:

What does time really mean to a teenager? Does it mean school, sports, work, or does it mean drugs and violence? When young people start getting involved with drugs or gangs they are giving away something very valuable, called life.

A lot of teenagers think, "Well, I'll smoke a little marijuana every now and then." Or, "I'll hang out with the gang members just for a little while. Then I'll be recognized and go on about being a star." Well, it's not going to happen like that.

After the first time you try drugs or consort with gang members, you have become a victim of the streets. Once you do it the first time you will do it over and over again. Sooner or later you're going to end up like me. I am confined behind bars. Or perhaps you could wind up six foot under the ground.

I just made 16, and I'm facing charges that, if served collectively, can possibly make it where I would never see the outside world again. Young people,

life isn't something to play with. I know you have heard that from lots of people before.

I used to attend Hancock County School for Success a while back. An old man from the jail used to come speak to us once a week about drugs and violence. He'd tell us how we would wind up either in jail or dead. Guess what? He is now one of my fellow inmates.

Their isn't anyone out there who can make the decision for you as to whether or not you are going to use drugs or be involved with a gang. If you care about yourself or your family, who loves you, then pass up all activities involving drugs and/or malicious gang activities.

If you enjoy using drugs, but know you need help and won't reach out for it, I feel sorry for you. There is help out there. If you are too scared to ask, you also could become one of my fellow inmates.

Please, please stay clean and sober.

Sincerely,

Jerry J. Laneri III
Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility

Waveland resident urges Pilgrimage attendance

Dear Editor:

Congratulations and best wishes to the members of the Bay-Waveland and Diamond-head garden clubs on their participation in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Pilgrimage here on the Gulf Coast.

If you have never attended a Pilgrimage, please do so this year. As a planner and participant of these events in former

years, I know how much thought, time and effort the members and hostesses of the homes on display put forth to make the Pilgrimage the terrific success they always are.

Very truly yours,

Ethel Evans
Waveland
(Honorary member of both clubs)

St. Patrick's Day

Dear Editor:

Being part Irish I have always been fascinated by this story about Ireland. They say: "A little bit of heaven fell from out the sky one day."

It nestled in the ocean in a spot so far away. When the angels found it, it was so green and fair.

They said "suppose we leave it for it looks so peaceful there." Then they sprinkled it with stardust just to make the sham-

rocks grow

'Tis the only place you'll find them, no matter where you go. Then they dotted it with silver just to make its lakes so grand.

And when they had it finished, sure they called it Ireland.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all.

Nina S. O'Garcia
Lakeshore

Editorial

Academics secondary to sports at Bay-Waveland District?

All the students want is a chance to compete. Ten Bay High School students who earned spots in the National DECA competition in April in Anaheim, Calif., are looking for a little help from their own school board. Unfortunately, a Bay St. Louis-Waveland School Board that appears on the verge of setting an unprecedented double standard may jeopardize those students' opportunity to compete.

Along with their sponsor Jane Lamb, DECA members appeared before the board Monday night to ask for at least partial financial assistance so the students could attend the national competition. The cost to foot the whole bill would be almost \$6,000, a tab that includes airfare and in some cases sleeping four students to a room. The teens have agreed to pay for their own meals.

It should also be pointed out that club members have already doled out \$7,000 in out-of-pocket expenses to compete at district and state levels.

But the board, in effect, stiffed the DECA members. Their apparent message was clear: "We'll do what we can, but just in case, solicit the banks and wash a few cars."

Although board members agreed to attempt to figure a way for some funding, it was apparent by their lukewarm enthusiasm the outlook was not optimistic. They suggested the club members solicit local businesses, in particular the banks, and hold a couple of fund raisers. What an outrage.

This was the same board that in the past several weeks approved additional expenses for the Bay High girls' soccer and basketball teams to compete in the playoffs. Board members even treated those teams to meals.

One can only imagine the reaction if the board had advised those teams to pay the fare themselves.

This was also the same board that approved hefty raises in some coaching supplements for the next school year, a vote that angered much of the faculty. Given the current circumstances, that move seems downright embarrassing.

This is also the same board that spent \$300,000 on a track that took nearly a year to complete.

Does one sense a trend here? Are athletics more important than academics? At least to the board, it appears so.

The board's slap to DECA Club members came on a night when the superintendent was in Orlando, Fla., attending a national conference for secondary school principals, although Bay High School principal Sandra Reed, the district's lone secondary school principal, did not attend. It all comes down to priorities.

Ironically, in what was a huge public relations blunder, moments after the board summarily dismissed the DECA Club, it voted to spend up to \$4,000 to refinish the gym floor at Bay Middle School. Granted, the money is drawn from a different fund and is budgeted, but that was little consolation to stunned parents.

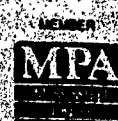
Again, priorities.

What an incredible injustice it would be for those students to sit home if the board turns its back on them. Board members should take immediate action and locate the funding, at least partially, to send those students to Anaheim. If the board refuses action, then the double standard is firmly entrenched. And it becomes obvious that in this school district academia is a step-child to athletics.

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IN AND AROUND DIAMONDHEAD

By Margaret Williamson

SEASON TICKETS

'Tis the season to become a season ticket holder or sponsor as the curtain is about to open on the sixth season of the Diamondhead Performing Arts Society.

This 1997 season promises to be the best yet with a variety of performances scheduled for your enjoyment. Season tickets are \$75 for all six performances (at the price for five, as individual tickets continue to be \$15 and child or student \$3.50).

You are urged to consider becoming a sponsor at \$300 per family, which is tax deductible as permitted by law. You would receive two season tickets, two complimentary tickets for any one performance and free admittance to special events/receptions planned throughout the season. You may use your mail-out application and send to DPAS, P.O. Box 6028, Diamondhead, or call 255-4433 for information.

MEMORIES OF MARIO

On Sunday, March 23, 7 p.m.,

Rogers Hall at Diamondhead Academy, Victor Lanza returns to Diamondhead for a repeat performance of a previous capacity audience. His voice and music will be a delightful and entertaining evening. Another plus, your DPAS will host a pre-performance reception at the community center March 23, 5-6:30 p.m. featuring Italian wines and antipasti.

The reception is complimentary to sponsors and \$6.50 for others who wish to attend. Please RSVP no later than March 20 to 255-6049 or 255-6092. Lanza and Dennis Assaf from the Jefferson Performing Arts will be greeting everyone.

EXHIBIT

Dr. John Booth of Diamondhead practiced dentistry for 44 years. Now he's painting for fun and profit in his favorite mediums of acrylics and oils. His beautiful flowers, etc. are on display at Raintree Center Aquatic Gardens, 119 E 2nd Street, Pass Christian March 11-15, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dr. Booth

specializes in commission work and reproductions of favorite paintings.

UPDATE

Dan Ellis is working on an updated and revised edition of *Diamondhead Jubilee* book (celebrating Diamondhead's first 25 years). If you have pertinent information and photos to contribute, call Dan at 452-3138.

FRIENDSHIP DAY

Friendship is love with understanding. Treasure the love you receive above all, it will survive long after your gold and good health have vanished.

Bring a friend and celebrate Friendship Day at the Diamondhead Community Church Sunday, March 16 at 10 a.m. Refreshments will follow.

WOMEN'S CLUB

The Diamondhead Women's Club will be hosting its annual art show and sale April 5, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the community center.

'Tis the season

A book sale and "classic clutter," b/k/a garage sale, will be April 26, and books and any items from your attic and closets are needed to help this fund raiser for the club's charities. Please call 255-9270.

GARDEN CLUBS

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Council of Garden Clubs Inc. presents its 50th anniversary Pilgrimage of homes, gardens, museums and historical landmarks. Tours and events are free. Please follow signs in all communities.

Today is the last day until 1 p.m. for the floral expo "Flowers-by-the-Sea" on the Gulf Park campus of USM in Long Beach. The folks in charge have worked long and hard to put together this display of nature's finest.

Tours start today at both Mississippi welcome centers on I-10.

Don't forget, Diamondhead's tour of homes and gardens is Wednesday, March 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

May soft be the grass you walk on.

May fair be the skies above you.

May true be the joys that surround you.

May dear be the hearts that love you.

May the Lord above look down and bless your life in large and small ways.

May the Saints preserve your happiness on this St. Patrick's Day and always.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Missionary Night

The Gussie Shelton Women's Missionary Society of the Greater Mt. Zion AME Church, Pearl River, invites other Women's Missionary Societies and the entire church family to join them at their annual "Missionary Night in White" Sunday, March 16 at 7 p.m.

PRCC Health Fair

Pearl River Community College's Associate Degree Nursing & Allied Health programs will sponsor the 1997 Community Health Fair Wednesday, March 19, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in Shiver's Gymnasium on the PRCC campus in Poplarville.

Participants include local medical clinics, agencies and hospitals as well as the host programs at PRCC.

For information, call (601) 795-1278.

55 Alive course

Memorial Hospital at Gulfport and AARP will sponsor the 55 Alive Mature Driving Course March 24 and 25, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Charles L. Walker Community Center on Hwy. 90 in Gulfport.

The course provides refresher driving skills for senior citizens. Graduates are eligible for discounts on their auto insurance in the state of Mississippi.

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Tenor Victor Lanza to perform at Diamondhead

Tenor Victor Lanza returns to the Diamondhead Performing Arts stage in "Memories of Mario," 7 p.m. Sunday, March 23 at Rogers Hall in the Diamondhead Academy. The performance is Lanza's personal tribute to Mario Lanza and to the fans who still regard the great singer with affection.

Lanza fans who missed his 1995 Diamondhead appearance have been looking forward to this encore performance. He will be accompanied by the Jefferson Performing Arts Orchestra under the direction of Dennis Assaf.

A pre-performance reception at the Diamondhead Commu-

nity Center from 5-6:30 p.m. will feature Italian wines and antipasti and the opportunity to meet Mr. Lanza and Mr. Assaf.

Reservations for the reception are required by March 20. Call 255-6049 or 255-6092. The reception is complimentary for DPAS sponsors and \$6.50 for all others. Tickets for the performance are \$15. They may be purchased at Diamondhead Drugs, LL Ltd. or at the door.

Lanza has distinguished himself as a dynamic performer throughout South America, Europe and more recently in this country. He was born in the United States but grew up in Argentina where he spoke



Victor Lanza

mostly Spanish and Italian. This accounts for his delightful accent.

While working on his bachelor degree at UCLA, Lanza performed in several operas, including Aida, Tosca, La Boheme and Pagliacci. He then went to Brigham Young University to study communications and opera workshop with Dr. Clint Robinson of Metropolitan Opera fame. He also studied with one of Italy's most famous singers, Claudio Villa.

His professional career in the United States includes performances to rave reviews in Milwaukee, Philadelphia, New Haven and Stonington, Conn. and elsewhere. The *Chicago Sun-Times* (Jan. 26, 1992) said of him, "Victor Lanza is also a tenor and physically resembles his father. Some say his voice is richer because he has had the chance for it to mature."

Women's history observance at SSC

March is national Women's History Month, and Stennis Space Center will be hosting events in observance of "A Fine and Long Tradition of Community Leadership," this year's national theme.

The public is invited to events sponsored by the Federal Women's Program at Stennis.

The film, "Rosie the Riveter," will be shown beginning at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 20 in the Gainesville Room in Building 1100, NASA's main administrative building.

Beginning at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 25, local community

leaders will hold a panel discussion in the Conference Center.

NASA's Edna Gibson, manager of NASA/SSC's Federal Women's Program, said the program's goal is to promote the career development and advancement of federal women at Stennis and to contribute to the recruitment and retention of women in the workforce.

National Women's History Month started as a local celebration in Sonoma County, Calif., in 1978. It quickly spread across the nation and is now celebrated in thousands of schools, work places and communities.

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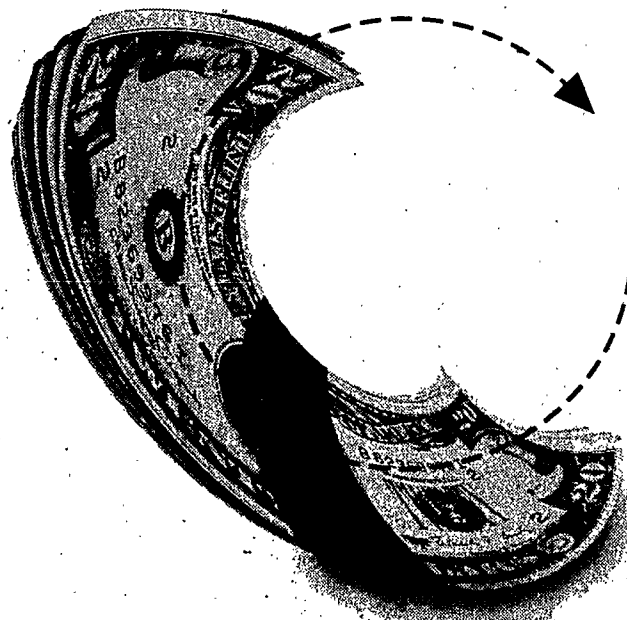
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Grand Casino

Wayne Newton, Willie Nelson, Natalie Cole scheduled at Grand

The star-studded entertainment lineup will be better than ever this spring at the Biloxi Grand Theatre. Wayne Newton, Willie Nelson and Natalie Cole are just a few big name musicians who will entertain visitors and local residents on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Wayne Newton made a name for himself in the entertainment arena before Elvis Presley was a star or before the Beatles left Liverpool. By the age of six he had learned to play the piano, guitar and steel guitar and was doing a daily local radio show. Toward the end of his junior year in high school, a Las Vegas booking agent saw Newton on a local television show and took him back for an audition. A two-week tryout turned into a 46-week job, and Wayne Newton had a foothold on Las Vegas.

Newton has received the highest honors in Las Vegas, including being one of only two people to receive the city's Medal of Honor, being named Ambassador of Good Will for the state, and having seen Vegas' McCarran International Airport's main thoroughfare renamed Wayne Newton Boulevard.

Newton's greatest hits include *Heart, Danke Schoen, Red Roses for a Blue Lady* and *Daddy, Don't You Walk So Fast*. Newton performs April 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$30/floor and \$25/balcony.

Willie Nelson has a musical style all his own. With more than 100 albums to his credit, Nelson's musical journey is as far-reaching as it is long-lasting. *On the Road Again, My Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys, Always on my Mind* and *Whiskey River* are just a few hits that dominated the country airways and named Willie Nelson country music's biggest star.

In 1985 he helped establish Farm Aid for which he is the president and chairman. Through seven star-studded concerts, Farm Aid has raised nearly \$12 million that has been distributed among various educational, legal, emergency help, and out-reach organization. Nelson's empathy about life's ups and downs and man's need for a little understanding and respect has made him one of the most loved public figures in the world.

Willie Nelson performs April 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Biloxi Grand Theatre. Ticket are \$30/floor and \$25/balcony.

Multi-Grammy winner Natalie Cole has encompassed over three decades of heartwarming vocal performances, covering songs from virtually every musical era. Cole's new album *Star dust* is a combination of classic songs and artists with Cole's elegant touch. Featured on the album are songs made famous by her father, Nat King Cole, like *Where Can I Go Without You*, and *Let's Face the Music and Dance*, as well as

classic songs originated by Ella Fitzgerald, Sara Vaughn and Dinah Washington.

In 1993, Cole released her *Take a Look* album which went gold and won a Grammy for Best Vocal Performance. Cole also made her acting debut in 1993 with an appearance in the season finale of NBC's acclaimed series *I'll Fly Away*. She has also appeared in *Lily in Winter*, *Touched by an Angel* and a special Lincoln Center Production of *The Wizard of Oz* as Glinda, Good Witch of the North.

Natalie Cole will perform with the Gulf Coast Symphony Orchestra May 1 and 2 at the Biloxi Grand Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$32/floor and \$27/balcony.

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Four seek Ward 3 seat

BY BETSY GAGNET

Two more candidates have entered the race for Councilman of Ward 3 in Bay St. Louis. Willie C. Acker and Charles Edward Johnson have qualified.

Tom Farve currently serves as Councilman for Ward 3 and is running for re-election. To date the following have qualified to run in the Mayoral and City Council races:

Mayor - Eddie Favre (incumbent), Richard Fayard.
Councilman Ward 1 - Charles Scianna (incumbent).
Councilman Ward 2 - Jim Thrifflay (incumbent).

Councilman Ward 3 - Tom Farve (incumbent), Connie Payne Lampley, Willie C. Acker, Charles Edward Johnson.

Councilman Ward 4 - Tad Black (incumbent), Ronald J. LaFontaine.

Councilman-at-large - James A. "Jimmy" Rutherford (incumbent).

The deadline for qualifying is Saturday April 5 at noon.

The democratic and Republican primaries are Tuesday May 6 with run-offs on May 20 if needed.

The general election will be held June 3.

St. Joseph's Altars set

A St. Joseph's Altar will be held on Wed. Mar. 19, at the residence of Peggy Ladner and son Roy Sims family, 693 Victoria Street, Waveland.

The St. Joseph's Altar is in honor of Patricia (Pat) Cuevas, Audrey Letellier and John (Zuzu) Carver.

Ladner said the blessing of the altar will be at noon, and the public is invited.

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County District to seek bond

BY MARY G. SEILEY
The Hancock County School Board plans to ask voter approval in May on a proposed \$15 million to \$20 million bond issue.

The exact date of the election, the specific amount it will raise, and what it will pay for are mat-

Database management course

A non-credit course designed to teach the basics of database management begins April 7 through the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast's Division of Continuing Education.

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ters up for resolution at a March 17 board meeting.

Board president Cheryl Bennett said Wednesday that board members have worked extensively with the public to prepare for a major building and renovation program. That work has been supplemented by professional studies on the county's expected growth patterns and the need to upgrade some existing facilities.

Bennett said Monday's meeting will feature a point-by-point debate on items tentatively included in the proposed bond issue. Major features of the program include construction of a new elementary school in the Kiln area, and a new middle school near Hancock High.

Tentative plans also call for a new cafeteria and additional classrooms at Gulfview Elementary, renovations to Hancock North Central Elementary, and a new media center at Charles B. Murphy Elementary.

Air conditioning, drainage and parking upgrades also are

on the list.

Bennett said some items may be pared, however. One proposed improvement calls for air conditioning at all the schools' gymnasiums. That's a fine idea, she said, but a costly one which will require hefty outlays in the future for maintenance expenses.

State law required that 60 percent of the voter turnout agree to such bond issue before it may take place. The question will be on ballots in all areas except the territory currently taxed by the Bay-Waveland school system.

Bennett and School Superintendent Terry Randolph say there's no question that the bond issue will require a tax increase in the county school district, but the exact amount depends on the size of the issue, and the financing package details.

So far, the proposal has met with general public acceptance, Bennett said Wednesday. Hancock County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state, and most of the growth is occurring in the unincorporated area,

she said. "I personally have heard very positive remarks" on the building plans, she said—a "do what has to be done" sentiment acknowledging the school district's growing pains.

"We're ready. We've been ready," Bennett said of the construction and renovation scheme. "If we don't hurry up and do something, we're in trouble."

Those growing pains were discussed at a Monday meeting of the board.

Randolph said the county school system expects 900 additional students over the next five years—even without any of the expected growth from the new Wellman Industries operation, plant expansion at GE Plastics, new facilities at Stennis Space Center, or the opening of one or two new casinos off I-10 in the Bay St. Louis area.

If all expected development takes place, he said, the county will see an additional 1,500 to 2,000 students over the next five years.

The county's schools are at capacity now, said Randolph. "We're going to go forth with it."

Acker announces for Councilman

Bay St. Louis resident Willie Acker has announced his candidacy for the office of Councilman Ward 3 in the Bay St. Louis May Democratic primary.

Acker is a graduate of Valena C. Jones High School, Bay St. Louis. He received his bachelor of science from Alcorn A&M University, master's of education and history from Mississippi College and administrative supervision from William Carey in Hattiesburg.

Acker is married to the former Eartha Mae Dorsey of Bay St. Louis and they have three daughters, Deidena, Darlene, and Desaree.

Acker said, "It's time for a change. The citizens of Ward 3 have been anticipating progress in the quality of life that is equal to the quality of life with the other wards of Bay St. Louis. This progress has been ignored with each Ward 3 Councilman, who compromises the integrity of the office and neglects to represent the voices of the citizens in the Ward."

Acker feels his 23 years as a classroom teacher and as an administrator have adequately prepared him as a capable spokesman for the citizens of Ward 3.

Acker said he will address the issues that most affect Ward 3, which include proper sewerage, drainage, street lights, paved streets with sidewalks, proper protection and treatment by local law enforcement, fair representation of minorities in personnel for government, federal programs to upgrade fire department,



Willie Acker

civic and community centers, and many others.

He is no stranger to local government and business, for he has served in various capacities; as president of the Board of Adjustment for several years in Bay St. Louis; member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; NAACP member; Mason; member of Valena C. Jones United Methodist Church. Acker was awarded Outstanding Educator of America, and appears in *Who's Who Among American Educators 1995-96*.

"When we work together on our entire town, only then will our community grow and prosper. I am certain that you will agree that it's time for a change. As your Councilman, with the help of God, other councilmen, mayoral leadership and the residents of the city, there can be a measurable progressive change," Acker added.

Murder

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house had been ransacked and blood was spotted on the floor, Peterson said. He added Tuller's body was found in the bathroom with multiple stab wounds.

"It was a very brutal murder," Peterson said. "It was savagely done."

He said it was believed the murder was committed on Monday night. According to Peterson, Tuller and Garcia had been living together for several months.

Missing from the crime scene is Tuller's car, 1987 red four-door Oldsmobile. It is believed Garcia may have escaped in her car.

Peterson said Garcia left a note with several names on it, including some law enforcement officials, at the scene. He said the significance of that

note is also being investigated.

It was Hancock County's fourth murder of the year and the most brutal since the Lee-town 1981 Thanksgiving triple murder.

Peterson said helicopter teams from the Mississippi Highway Patrol and the Air National Guard are assisting in the search. However, cloudy weather Wednesday forced a delay in the air search.

Peterson said an autopsy on Tuller will be performed later this week. Assisting the sheriff's office in the investigation are Highway Patrol Investigator David Murtagh, and the Bay St. Louis and Waveland police departments.

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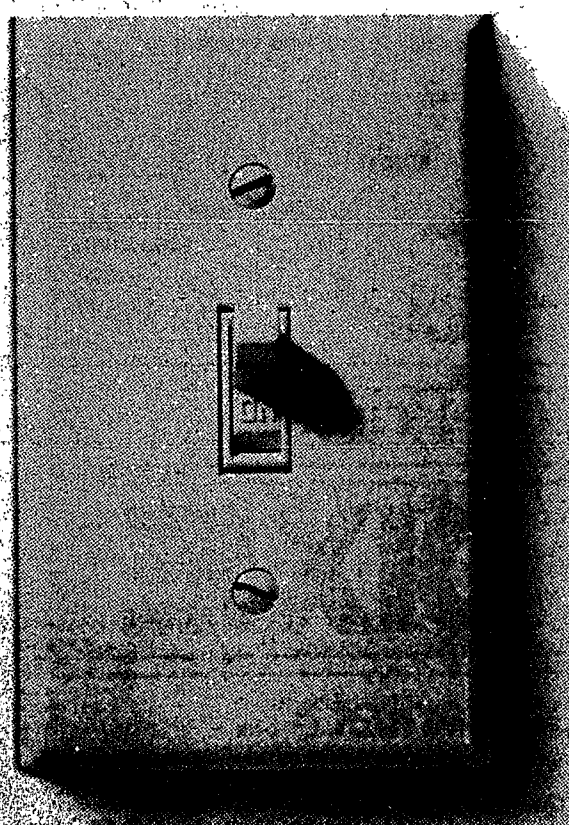
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An employee at Touchstone who asked to remain anonymous said retail sales last year topped \$6 million with one third of sales to clients in Europe and Saudi Arabia.

Denham said claims of yearly sales were highly inflated.

"That's not even close to being right, but that's not the public's business to know," said Denham.

He said sales were much lower, but could not immediately give a figure on last year's sales or profits.

The employee told the Echo that agents entered the studios

about 10 a.m. "with their guns drawn and kicked down some doors."

He said no one was arrested, but agents seized payroll and other records, and some employees in the computer and bookkeeping offices were questioned until 7:30 p.m. Friday, then sent home.

The employee said the studio employs a work force about 20, and pays every Friday.

"We weren't paid last Friday," the source said. "Others who had gotten bonus checks the week before went to Hancock Bank in Poyune to cash them, but the payroll account had been frozen."

Denham said the art studio

was established as a 501-D Corporation under regulations of the IRS, which allows religious groups to operate for profit.

"Congress originally drew up the regulations to help the Shaker organization in Pennsylvania make a profit from the furniture members were producing," explained Denham.

Under the 501-D arrangements, religious organizations must give a portion of profits back to the community, but can pay salaries, bonuses or dole out stipends to members of the corporation.

He said the organization is required to file federal income taxes. "And, they've been doing that for several years."

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Denham claimed the IRS raid was instigated by employees "who were fired for due cause over the past couple of years."

"They later would complain to the IRS, claiming we were not filing our taxes right or making some other outrageous claims," said Denham.

The International Society for Krishna has had a presence in Hancock County since the mid 1970's, and records show the religious organization has amassed considerable land in the northwestern portion of the county.

Besides the studio, the Society operates a farm. The Krishna also runs a school on the property and residents live in dormitory-type structures. Estimates are more than 60 families live in the compound.

Property records available in the Hancock County Tax Assessor's office show the New Talavan School and Community Inc., owning 121.3 acres, which includes the farmland.

Denham said the school and temple is operated as a 501-C, not-for-profit religious organization.

The International Society for Krishna is listed as owner of five more adjacent parcels comprising 354.7 acres; and Celestial Express, the owner of seven parcels comprising 766.9 acres. In all, the total property owned by the Krishnas comprises 1,242.9 acres.

A spokesman for Assessor Eddie Murtagh said the Krishna organization pays property taxes on most of the land it owns and no current taxes are delinquent.

Denham confirmed that principals in the design studio were Victor Pizzalotta, Victor Mistretta and Jon Kaufman.

"We anticipate when they (the IRS) have had a chance to complete their investigation, they will conclude that this corporation has been acting legally within the perimeters of the law," said Denham.

Spokesmen with the U.S. Attorney's office in Jackson and the local IRS office in Gulfport said it was the policy of both agencies not to comment on an ongoing investigation.

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Motors said he also finds people are employed for a longer time at better jobs which has brought more business.

"Business has been good for us since 1995," DeRussy said. "The anticipation is that 1997 will also be good."

Nell Frisbie, Latter and Blum Office Manager, reports an increase in first time home buyers.

She said many buyers now have a longer tenure with the same employer, one factor considered in financial applications.

"We're seeing a lot more stability," Frisbie said.

This is especially evident in the construction business, where contractors may now be keeping employees busy year round because of construction demand.

"There are more people able to buy houses now than ever," Frisbie said. "They can qualify for a lot more than they think."

ERA-Bayshore Realty Bay St. Louis office reported an increase in the number of agents answering the phones in order to meet the demand of customer calls.

Keith Mitchell, of ERA-Bayshore said he is seeing an increase in all ranges of sales,

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not only first time buyers.

Mitchell said getting people qualified for financing has become easier.

"Before we saw a lot more seasonal occupations," Mitchell said. "Now people are gainfully employed year round."

He said the last quarter of 1996, traditionally the slowest part of the year, exceeded the busiest time of years past.

"In my personal opinion there has never been a more exciting time to live in Hancock County or to be involved in real estate," Mitchell said. "Opportunities are available to anyone who wants to work."

Conflict

appearance" of any impropriety.

Favre said construction of the cabinets was not structural, and "did not have to do with the building," thereby making it easier for someone else to complete the inspection.

Carrigee said because installation of the cabinets "had nothing to do with the integrity of the structure," he saw no conflict.

"I didn't give it a second thought," he admitted. "It was so minor and cosmetic, I did not see any problem."

He added that inspection of cabinets is normally the responsibility of the contractor or someone overseeing the job. Sources have confirmed that Carrigee's son was forced to redo some of the work, though Carrigee Sr. said that was between his son and the contractor.

Carrigee said he was notified by his son about the work only after Bill Carrigee Jr. had been contracted by Saucier. Saucier has used FAST on at least four other jobs, including construction at Denny's in Biloxi, and a residential dwelling.

"I was not really apprehensive," Carrigee said.

He added that it would not be fair for his son "not to be able to

make a living because I'm the (city) inspector."

Favre said since learning of the potential conflict at the Senior Citizen Center, new safeguards "for that very reason" have been installed to prevent any future problems.

Carrigee had resigned from his position in 1993 to found FAST, Inc. The company was founded on Nov. 17 of that year. "The city continued to pay Carrigee to inspect construction work on a free-lance basis. But Carrigee was later rehired on a full-time basis."

A spokesman for the state Ethics Commission said he could not comment on any ethical violations without a full investigation.

Bay St. Louis will pay in the neighborhood of \$300,000 to complete the center. The center was originally going to be financed by a \$160,000 HUD grant, which would be matched by the city. But construction costs came in much higher than expected, and the building was changed from an original vinyl siding to brick.

Other changes included increasing the facility size, the addition of bathrooms, a concrete parking lot, exit lights, security alarm system, a sidewalk canopy, and vanity tops.

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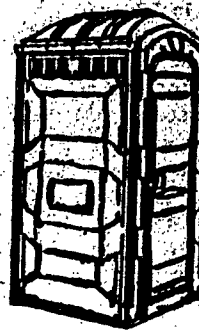
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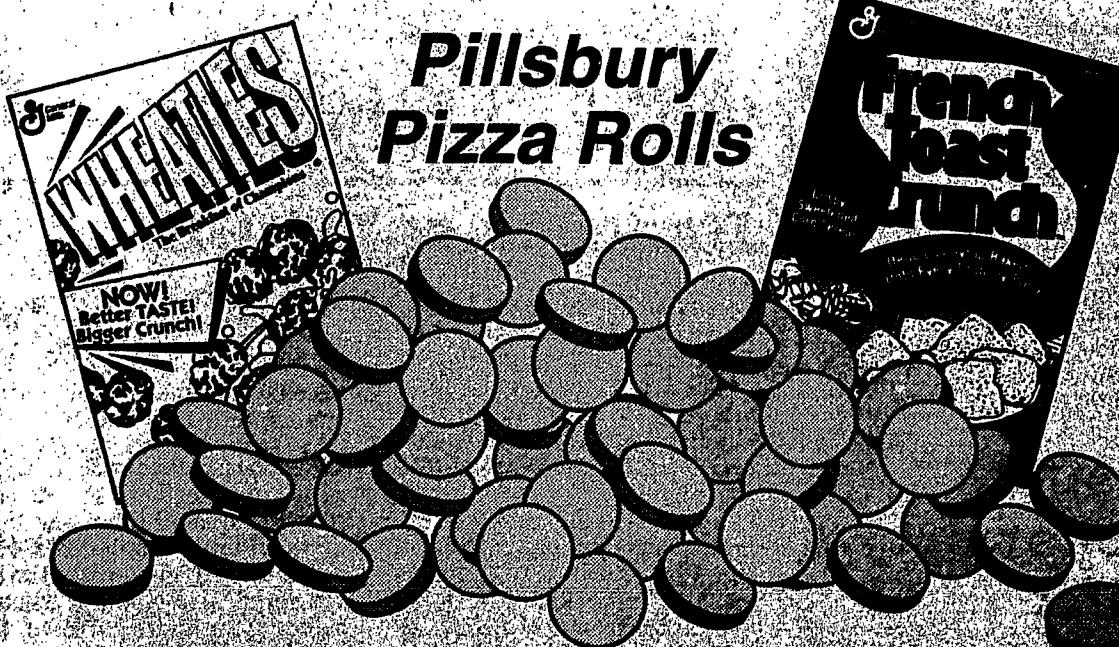
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Hudson's Salvage to open in Waveland

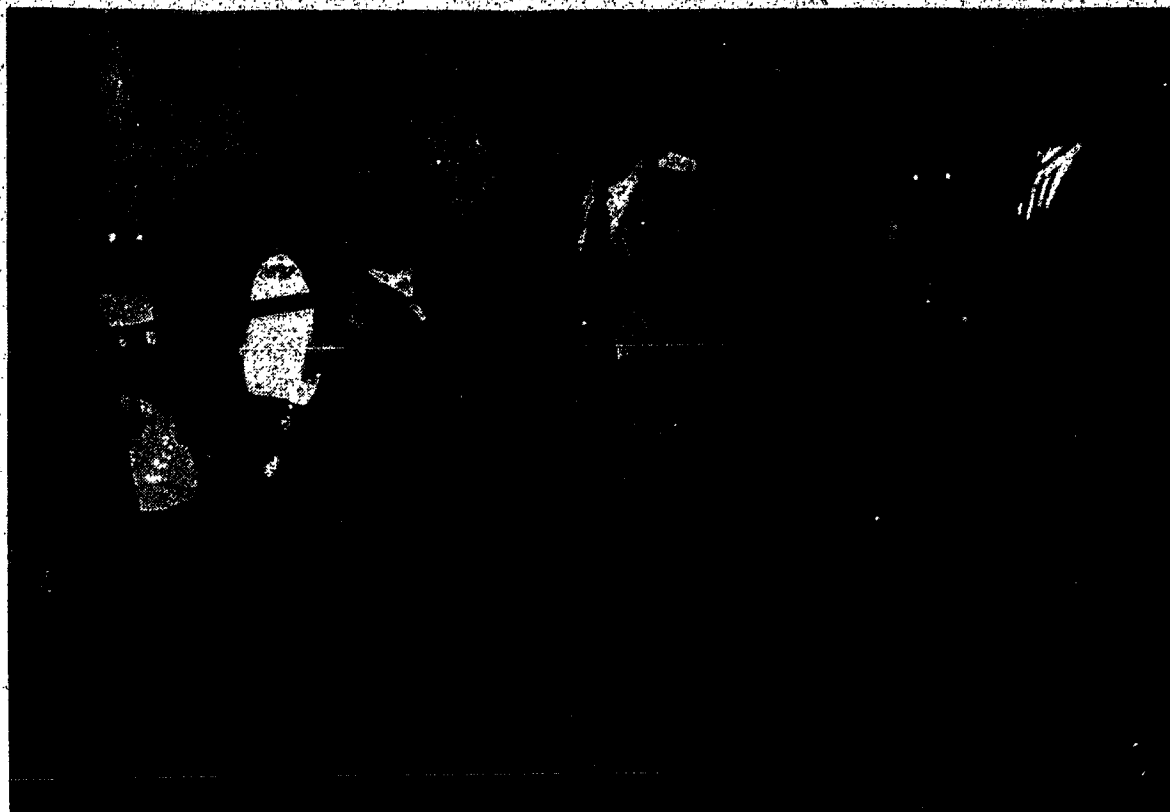
BY BETSY GAGNET
Hudson's Salvage is scheduled to open a new store next month on U.S. Highway 90 in Waveland.

The new store, located next to Fred's in Our Shopping Center, will carry the same type of merchandise as the stores in Gulfport and Picayune.

"I've been trying to get a spot in Waveland for about seven years," said David Lumpkin, retail supervisor. "Finally everything has come together."

According to Lumpkin, Hudson's is the number one retail salvage company in the nation. The stores offer constantly changing general merchandise at discount prices.

Contractors began working on the space last week and Lumpkin said he hopes to have the store open in early April. When completed the store will be approximately 31,000 square feet.



Grand opening

Kitchens & Baths by Park Supply Company, Inc., 209-B Highway 90, Waveland, recently celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting. Participating in the event are Pat Brauner, left, Harold Culp, office manager Glenda Wilson, company vice-president and owner Mark Drummond, Waveland Mayor John Mason, Albert Sanders, company president and owner Dan Drummond, Hancock County Chancery Clerk Tim Kellar, Janelle Moore and Hancock County District One Supervisor Jeep Lader. (Echo staff photo by Cecilia Howe)

Farm lender reports strong performance

Year-end financial results show 1996 was another year of strong performance for the Tenth Farm Credit District. The district comprises the Austin-based Farm Credit Bank of Texas; 46 Federal Land Bank Associations (FLBAs) in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas; and 16 Production Credit Associations (PCAs) in Louisiana, New Mexico and Texas.

Loans in the district grew by \$115 million during the year, ending 1996 at \$3.9 billion. The 3.1 percent loan volume growth continued to positive trend experienced in 1995, when the district's portfolio increased by 2.9 percent. Credit quality also continued to remain high, at 96.4 percent acceptable loan volume, the same level as at December 31, 1995.

District net income at December 31, 1996, exceeded \$83 million, compared to income of \$29.3 million year earlier. Income in 1995 was impacted by two non-recurring events — a \$27.6 million extraordinary loss recorded on the early extinguishment of debt, and \$16.2 million in taxes recorded in anticipation of future capital distributions to district PCAs. Absent those two events, 1996 net income would have risen \$10 million, or 13.7 percent, from year-end 1995.

In addition, nearly \$15 million in dividends and patronage refunds were paid during the year to district stockholders. Members' equity in the district grew to \$878.5 million at year end, an increase of \$24.5 million or 2.9 percent over the 1995

year-end level.

"The past year can be characterized as successful in many ways," said Farm Credit Bank of Texas CEO Arnold R. Henson. "We succeeded in closing

more new loans in a single year than in any previous year in our history, despite a difficult cattle market and a severe drought in parts of the territory.

Group seeks outstanding young business owner

Ah, to be young and running your own business! If that description fits, you could receive \$1,000 and national recognition at an awards banquet this June.

The NFIB Education Foundation, the research and education affiliate of the National Federation of Independent Business, is accepting nominations for its 1997 "Outstanding Young Business Owner" award.

To be considered, candidates must have launched their businesses before reaching their 22nd birthday and still be managing the operation today. A panel of judges will review all nominations, looking for things such as creativity (either in the concept of the business itself or in how the business is run or marketed), growth, perseverance in the face of adversity, and maintaining an excellent academic record while operating the business.

Nominations may be submitted by anyone, but must be received by the Foundation no later than May 5. The winner will be honored at a June 20 awards banquet held as part of NFIB's Small Business Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

Anyone wanting additional information or a nomination form should contact Kate English at the NFIB Education Foundation, 53 Century Boulevard, Suite 300, Nashville, TN 37214.

Hotel renamed, renovated

The Bayhouse Inn in Bay St. Louis was sold Jan. 16 to private investors from Atlanta, Ga. The new name of the hotel is Sun Suites of Bay St. Louis. Extensive renovations are underway to upgrade the property.

Sun Suites of Bay St. Louis offers furnished studios with full kitchens. Each suite is equipped with a microwave, stove top and cooking utensils. In addition, each suite features a living area, closet and sleeping area with cable TV. Currently, Sun Suites is offering rates of \$139.99 per week or \$39.99 per night.

Mr. Armento, CEO of Sun Suites, explained Sun Suites' excitement about the Bay St. Louis market. "Bay St. Louis is located in an area with great tourist attractions and a thriving economy. Sun Suites wanted to offer an affordable and quality efficiency lodging product for the Mississippi consumer. Whether someone is visiting Bay St. Louis for business or pleasure, Sun Suites will provide the best extended stay hotel value."

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CHERRY BEDROOM SET, \$2,800. Antique twin Mahogany bed, \$475. Oak youth chair, \$60. gold/Mahogany chair, \$85. blue stuffed chair, \$95. All excellent condition. 508 Turner (off 6th) Waveland, Sat/Sun, 9-2. 504-895-8364.

HOTEL MATTRESSES, SEALY & SIMMONS, king/full, & 3/4, \$50 up; dressers/mirrors, night stands/tables, refrigerators/dishwashers, electric stoves, stack washer/dryers. 467-9727.

SOFA AND LOVE SEAT FOR SALE. Fair condition, \$200. Call 466-0998 after 7p.m.

85 Building Materials

CERAMIC TILE: Interceramic, Summitville, DAL, KPT, Laufen. 500,000 sq. ft. in stock. Attention: Builders, Floormen, special prices. 88¢ sq. ft. to \$1.80 sq. ft. 1-800-233-6702. FLOOR STORE, Slidell, 1725 Gause Blvd. off I-10, next to Smith & Jones, Buildmart.

METAL ROOFING/SIDING - 6 colors galv. to 24ft. length, 36" wide-29 ga. galv. 89¢ ft. Colors, \$1.19 ft. V-crimp & corrug. 64¢ ft. Ridge cap, rake & corner, purlins \$1.00 ft. Roofing/Sliding from \$14.90 sq. Warehouse Sales, Slidell, LA Exit 263 I-10. 800-842-8646.

TREATED LUMBER, POST, PILINGS, timbers. 8x8x18, \$90 each; treated 80, 2x8, 2x10, 2x12, discount prices; 1x4, 1x6, 1x8, discount prices; post as low as \$2.00 per lineal ft.. Old Egg Farm, Gulfport. 601-831-2453.

90 Pets

EXOTIC AND BEAUTIFUL 6' Columbian Boa. Docile & gentle. Good eater, healthy. Complete set-up, including tank and vivarium, hot rocks, too. \$250.00. Call 466-4868.

T.L.C. HOME PET SERVICE: Let your pets stay home next time you go away. Try us! 463-9205.

93 Yard Sale

3 FAMILY YARD SALE: Lots of stuff for everyone. Thursday & Friday from 9:00 till 2:00, 6580 Lakeshore Rd., across from Kent & Sue's. Baited sale on Friday & Saturday.

CLOSING BUSINESS AFTER 18 years. Last 4 days for antiques, collectibles and junk. 101 Washington at Beach Blvd., Fri., Sat., Sun. & Mon.

CORNER deMONTLUZIN & TOULME, Friday, 3/14, 9-1. NO EARLY BIRDS. Elec. golf caddy, elec. dryer, lots of goodies. Ethan Allen recliner.

DEADLINES FOR YARD, GARAGE sales advertisements appearing in SUNDAY'S Editions of THE SEA COAST ECHO is NOON on Friday's.

EVERYDAY IS SALE DAY AT YOUR Bay St. Louis Goodwill Store, Bay Mall Shopping Center, Dunbar & Highway 90, Mon. thru Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 467-7277.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 8:30A.M.-2:00P.M. 228 Tide Street, Waveland. Glassware, washer/dryer, pots & pans, books, misc.

FURNITURE, TOOLS, BABY BED, fax machine, etc. Fri/Sat, 8-4, 6004 6th St., BSL (corner of Harbor Dr. & 6th).

JUST MOVED! MUST HAVE GARAGE SALE! Furniture, appliances, many other household items. Saturday, 15th, 7a.m. 880 Ole Street, Diamondhead.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE, 307-D Coleman Ave., Waveland, 10-3, Tues.-Thurs.-Fri., 10-12 Saturday. Baby, mens, womens clothes, housewares, & bric-a-brac.

YARD SALE, SAT. & Sun., 4082 Caspian St., 8:00-until.

YARD SALE: 2 CAR CARRIER trailer, 85 Mustang, 1900. 630 N. Central Ave., Waveland.

YARD SALE, FRI. & SAT., 8am-11, 3007 Robinson Rd. (off Old Nicholson). Look for signs. 466-9504.

96 Wanted To Buy

WANTED: 10-100 ACRES, HIGH HILLS, hardwoods, water. 255-5452.

ALBUMS, ANTIQUES, TOOLS, furniture, dolls, furniture. One piece or house full. Call 467-2828 days.

LOOKING TO BUY LAND IN HANCOCK CO., preferably 10 acres, for future home site. Please call 466-0400. Gene or Frank.

QUICK CASH FOR ALMOST ANYTHING. 100% cash for almost anything, moving, cleaning, etc. We buy housewares, furniture, appliances, tools, toys, bric-a-brac, etc. 467-9882.

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98 Wanted To Buy

WANTED: GOLD WATCHES, rings, pocket, rings, gold, estate pieces & cash. Bayou Jewelers. 466-0425.

128 Boats & Motors

22' BALBOA SAILBOAT w/TRAILER, four sail, pinnaker, Genoa, Jib and main. Excellent condition, \$2,500. After 5:00 p.m. 467-0984.

18 LASER-FLIPPING DECK, 150X86, Brute Trolling Motor, custom Galvanized Trailer. 1-800-972-2277.

130 Motorcycles

FOR SALE: YAMAHA PW50 MOTORCYCLE, \$750, extra parts included-great shape! 466-9888.

133 Auto Parts/Service

'88 NISSAN SENTRA PARTS FOR SALE. Good automatic transmission. 466-9460.

136 Automobiles

1988 TOYOTA CELICA GT, AUTO, AC, cruise, radio, sunroof, power everything. Looks and runs great. \$4,000/obo. Call Mike at 255-4476.

1992 MITSUBISI MIRAGE, LT. BLUE, PS, PB, cold air. Excellent condition, \$3,600. This is \$2,625 below N.A.D.A. retail book value. 467-1945 or 466-2928.

1993 PLUMOUTH SUNDANCE, BLACK, grey int., cold air, PS, PB. Excellent condition, \$3,500. This is \$2,675 below N.A.D.A. retail book value. 467-1945 or 466-2928.

1995 NISSAN SENTRA GLE, 4 DOOR, LOW MILES, LOADED. MINT CONDITION. PLEASE CALL 467-8066, LEAVE MESSAGE.

'83 BRONCO, 4-WHEEL DR, AUTO, ac, cruise, fm cassette, great shape, \$3,500. 255-0493.

'93 MUSTANG 5.0, 20,000 miles, leather interior, CD player. \$9,500. 255-6146.

AUTO INSURANCE WITH MONTHLY PAYMENTS as low as \$24. Call Paul Smith Insurance Agency, 467-4607 or 467-1152.

CAR RED DOG SALVAGE SAYS it's Time for spring cleaning. We buy junk cars and other scrap metal. Top prices paid. Please call 255-1360.

FOR SALE: 1983 BUICK PARK AVE. Runs good, \$1,200. 466-5715.

SEIZED CARS from \$175. Porsches, Cadillacs, Chevys, BMW's, Corvettes. Also Jeeps, 4WD's. Your area. Toll free 1-800-218-9000 Ext. A-3930.

138 Trucks, Vans

1980 CHEVROLET C-70 PULPWOOD truck. 1984 Chevrolet cab & 5th wheel truck. Call 255-9727.

'86 ASTRO VAN, REBUILT ENGINE, new tires, \$2,800. Call after 5pm. 466-4469.

145 Roommates Wanted

SECLUDED 2B/2B HOME TO SHARE. Central heat/air, washer/dryer, screened porch, jacuzzi, bedroom furnished or unfurnished. 255-1230.

147 Apt. For Rent

1 BEDROOM, ALL ELECTRIC, heat/air, carpet, stove, refrigerator, water included. In BSL. Starting \$300/month, \$200/deposit. Lease required. 467-9661, 467-3935.

GULF GROVE APARTMENTS - 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms. \$100 deposit, ask about our 2 bedroom special. Corner of Hwy. 90 & Waveland Ave. Waveland. 467-3122.

LARGE TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT, large living area, one bath, \$600/mo., 1-year lease. All utilities paid. 207 Union St. 504-462-0889.

OAK PARK APARTMENTS: Starting at \$420, unique 2 bedrooms with private patio or balcony. Open Monday-Friday, 9-5 P.M.; Saturday appointments. \$200.00 deposit. 467-8882.

ONE BEDROOM COMPLETELY furnished waterfront apartment. Jordan River Subdivision off Hwy. 803. Pet-free environment. \$350/month, \$200/deposit. 255-1254.

ONE BEDROOM, LARGE LIVING ROOM, kitchen, bath, central heat, new new. Old Town BSL. \$490. References. 466-4848.

SIGNATURE LAKE APARTMENTS. One bedroom, starting at \$300. Two bedroom starting at \$375. Three bedroom at \$450. Referral discounts. Call 466-9882 for more info.

148 Mobile Homes For Rent

28th, 18A, WATERFRONT MOBILE HOME near Hwy. 603. AC/heat, lav/care & water provided. \$340/month plus deposit. Smoke-free, pet-free environment. 467-1380.

28th, 18A, CAR SHELTER, excellent location for NASA workers. 255-6796 after 5p.m.

UNFURNISHED 2 BR/1 BA, H/A, in Waveland. \$300/mo, deposit required. 467-0260.

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Hwy. 90 onto Lower Bay Rd. (1st street west of Waveland city limits) 5 miles to Cylon Roberts Rd., follow signs.

Financial information available.

Call 467-7795 for information.

148 Mobile Homes For Rent

SMALL FURNISHED TRAILER, 1/2 BR, 1 BA, ready soon. \$250/mo. \$100/deposit, Bayside Park. 467-8496.

SMALL 1 BEDROOM TRAILER FOR rent, \$300/month, all bills paid, \$150/deposit. 463-1697.

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148 Mobile Homes For Sale

1078 MOBILE HOME, 12x60, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$5,000. obo. 255-8141.

1994 FLEETWOOD, 16x80, 3 BR/2 BA, a/c & delivery. \$21,900. Scott Tebo. Financing available. 388-7773.

3 HUD HOMES! MUST SELL!!! 5% down! 888-208-3600. Ask for Alfred.

IN 1997 IF YOU WANT THE BEST home at the best price, check out AAA Homes, 378 Voters Rd. (On I-10 Svc. Rd. by Factory Outlet Stores) Shreve, LA. (504) 649-9396 or toll free 1-888-643-8332.

DEALER REPO. NEW 2 AND 3 bedroom. Simply pay small transfer fee and move in. 888-208-3600.

INSURANCE FOR YOUR MOBILE HOMES: Best Prices on the Coast. Easy monthly payments. Call Paul Smith Insurance Agency, 467-4607 or 467-1152.

NEW 1996 16x80, 3BR/2BA, ZONE II. Must sell drastically reduced to make room for 1997 model. Hurry, don't miss this one. Also have zone III's. Royer Homes, Inc. 1-800-701-4019.

NEW 1997 24x72, 4 BR/2BA, ZONE II, double wide. Delivered to your lot. Only "one" left in stock. Drastically reduced. Hurry & see this home! Also have zone III's. Royer Homes, Inc. 1-800-701-4019.

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SINGLE PARENT PROGRAM! Special financing now available for parents needing 2 or 3 bedroom mobile home. Call Fred at 888-208-3600.

THEY'RE HERE! '97 MODEL FLEETWOOD Valu-Homes w/a/c & delivery. 2 BR only \$16,900 w/\$900 down payment. Starts at less than \$200/mo. Call for details. 388-7773.

150 Uniform Houses For Rent

1 TO 2 BEDROOM COTTAGE WITH stove and refrigerator, fenced yard, new dock with Jourdan River access. Close to Casino Magic. Convenient area. \$425/month plus deposit. Call 466-6364.

3 BR/1 BA COTTAGE, AVAILABLE Apr. 15, in P.C. Isles. Good neighborhood, \$535/mo. Louise, 467-1602 or 452-3550.

BRICK RANCH, B.S.L., 3 BEDROOM, 2 full baths, garage, large unfenced yard. Available March 15th. \$620 plus deposit and utilities. 466-4361.

LOOKING FOR A RENTAL? CALL US! Ashman Mollere Realty Incorporated. 467-5454.

VERY NICE 2 AND 3 BEDROOM - Furnished and unfurnished houses for rent from \$450 to \$750/month. Key Properties Inc., ask for Carol, 467-0600.

151 Furn. Houses For Rent

COTTAGE FOR RENT, FURNISHED, on the water, in-ground pool, boat dock available. \$300/dep, \$450/mo. 467-5628.

RENTAL PURCHASE: COMPLETELY furnished one bedroom waterfront cottage with boat landing on bayou with access to Jourdan River and Gulf. Ideal for retired or working couple. Financial or business references required. \$285/mo. plus deposit. 4069 Mallard St. 467-8371.

TWO BEDROOM, all electric home furnished. Laundry room downstairs with bath, rotating TV antenna, wired for cable, new refrigerator. Good neighborhood, Garden Island Comm. Estates. Call 504-626-0826.

152 Mobile Home Sites

WHEEL INN MOBILE HOME PARK centrally located. Water, sewerage, garbage pick-up. 601-467-6169.

156 Lots/Acreage

8 LOTS IN BAYSIDE PARK, \$7,200. Reduced from \$8,000. Call for more info. 466-2947 or 466-4488.

DIAMONDHEAD LOT: LARGE, BEAUTIFUL, adjacent bayou region, elevated & trees. Write: TWO LOTS, P.O. Box 165, McHenry, MS 39561.

FOR SALE: TWO LOTS, Jourdan River Shores, water and sewer. Two lots, Bayside Park. Owner financing. 601-467-5734.

LAND/TIMBER FOR SALE: Southern Forest Investments is bidding on several tracts of land & timber in Hancock & Marion Counties, MS. Good for recreation, hunting, timber management or home places. For information on the properties, call 601-738-4956.

THE LAKES, CLERMONT HARBOR, Colly Rd., near beach, beautiful, hardwoods, pines, lake side, 3 acre lots, \$9,000. No flooding, paved road on N. Railroad Ave. crossing Clermont, Lakeshore rail crossings. Brokers invited. Maurice, 466-0683.

WATERFRONT LOTS FOR SALE. 504-646-6751.

158 Commercial Property

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT in Bay St. Louis, 21,100 sq. ft. Call 467-1152.

158 Commercial Property

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT, 500 SF, at Diamondhead front gate. \$620/mo. includes utilities. 255-9883 or 255-9586/after 5pm.

159 Houses For Sale

3 BEDROOM, OWNER FINANCING. NEWLY remodeled, central heat/a/c, on water, 11065 Whale, \$5,000/down, payments approx. \$475/month. 467-9681, 467-3935.

3 BR/1 1/2 BA, CENTRAL A/H, FP, lot 95x200, beaded board throughout, 1927 SF, great location. 605 Nicholson Ave., \$89,500. 469-1077.

3BR/2BA HOUSE, IN KILN. APPROX. 1400 SF, vaulted ceiling in LR, fireplace, screened porch, 2 fenced acres, \$89,900. 255-1552.

4 BR/2BA HOME LOCATED IN THE HEART OF BSL. Fenced yard, quiet neighborhood. \$79,000/negotiable. 466-3890.

GOVT FORECLOSED homes from pennies on \$1. Delinquent Tax, Rep's, REQ's. Your area. Toll free 1-800-218-9000 Ext. H-3930 for current listings.

HIGH ELEVATION, 3 BEDROOMS, 1 1/2 bath, all brick. Walking distance to North Bay Elem. \$57,500. 467-7111.

REDUCED HOME, RENTAL, STORE, all for \$79,000. 6837-6855-6857, Kiln-Delisle Road. 153' x 500' w/2 houses; 1 huge brick 4 BR/2BA, den, fireplace; 1 BR house plus operating grocery. 2 miles off I-10/shopping. Gardache Real Estate. 467-4907, Beeper 466-2077.

WATERFRONT HOME FOR THE LARGE family! Six bedroom, two bath, raised with covered parking for four autos or boat, 100 ft. of bulkhead with boat launch on deep canal, plus much more. Priced to sell! Call Vicki at ERA Bayshore Realty, 467-0244. MLS#76730.

WAVELAND: 3/4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 BATH, new heat pump, roof, carpet, paint, 7 ceiling fans, 100x115 lot, 1420 sq.ft., \$54,900. 466-0719.

161 Condo Rent/Sale

TOWNHOUSE ON GOLF COURSE IN Diamondhead for sale. 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, living room, large kitchen, deck. Fully furnished, new roof. Weekend appointments only. 504-892-6436.

PRIME DIAMONDHEAD GOLF COURSE CONDO, 6650 Golf Club Dr. #114. 1BR/1B, meticulously renovated & furnished. Open house Sat. & Sun., 1-5, 255-4767.

Public Notice

LEGAL NOTICE
ORDER OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES REOPENING CERTAIN OYSTER HARVESTING AREAS IN MISSISSIPPI
BY ORDER OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES, THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF MISSISSIPPI THAT HAD BEEN CLOSED TO THE HARVESTING OF OYSTERS ARE HEREBY OPENED EFFECTIVE AT LEGAL SURRISE, 6:11 A.M., ON MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1997:

AREA 1: WATERS BY THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LINE:
The line shall commence at a point on the boundary line between Mississippi and Louisiana at longitude 89° 20' 00" west, running easterly along said state line to a point due south of the westernmost tip of Cat Island thence running due north to the westernmost tip of Cat Island thence running north-northwesterly along a line between the westernmost tip of Cat Island and the southernmost point on the shoreline due south of Mingo Avenue in Pass Christian, Ms. thence continuing along said line to a point of intersection with a line drawn in an easterly direction from between Beacon Fl. R. 255ac. 17L 3M "4P" thence running westerly along said line to said Beacon "4P", thence running south-southwesterly along a line between said Beacon "4P" and Beacon Fl. R. 4s. 17L 5M "5P" to a point of intersection with longitude 89° 20' 00", thence running southerly along longitude 89° 20' 00" to a point on the boundary line between Mississippi and Louisiana, said point being the POINT OF BEGINNING. This area includes the public reefs known as Telegraph, and Bury Reefs; the Shell Keys referred to as Pelican, Fletcher's, and Umbrella, and the southern portion of Pass Maritime Reef.

THESE AREAS ARE BEING OPENED AFTER SAMPLING HAS SHOWN THAT THE AREA NOW CONFORMS TO ITS MANAGEMENT PLAN AND HAS BEEN DEEMED SAFE FOR THE HARVEST OF OYSTERS AT THIS TIME.
ALL REGULATIONS SET FORTH IN ORDINANCES OR STATE LAWS SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AND IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL TO VIOLATE SAID PROVISIONS, ORDERS, ORDINANCES OR LAWS. OYSTERSMEN ARE REMINDED THAT THEY MUST CHECK-IN AT A DESIGNATED CHECK STATION OR THE DEP. OF MARINE RESOURCES TO SAID CHECK STATION BEFORE HARVESTING AND MUST CHECK OUT PRIOR TO 4:00 P.M. THE SAME DAY AT THE SAME STATION.
ORDERED THIS 9TH DAY OF MARCH, 1997
E. G. WOODS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES
3-13-97

NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, the United States of America, acting by and through the United States Department of Agriculture, is the owner and holder of the following real estate (described) (first, describing an undivided therein mentioned and covering certain real estate hereinafter described located in Hancock County, Mississippi, said (described) of trust being duly recorded in the Office of the Chancery Clerk, Hancock County and State of Mississippi, and second, describing an undivided therein mentioned and covering certain real estate hereinafter described located in Hancock County, Mississippi, said (described) of trust being duly recorded in the Office of the Chancery Clerk, Hancock County and State of Mississippi, and third, describing an undivided therein mentioned and covering certain real estate hereinafter described located in Hancock County, Mississippi, said (described) of trust being duly recorded in the Office of the Chancery Clerk, Hancock County and State of Mississippi, and fourth, 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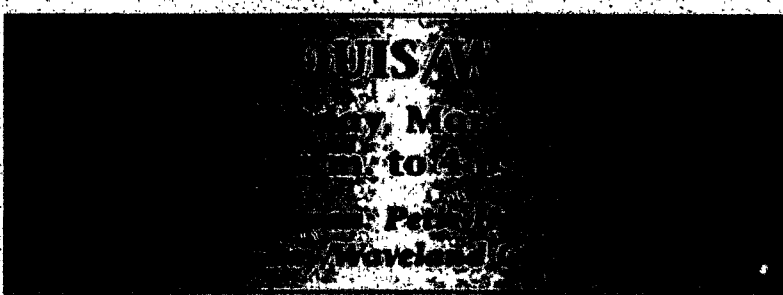
Morning Tour 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (except as noted)

1. **Headquarters, Bay-Waveland Garden Center**-114 Leonard Ave., Bay St. Louis. Follow signs from west end of bridge on Hwy. 90. Maps, brochures, coffee and trolley service. Home of the Bay-Waveland Garden Club founded in 1938; this site is on the National Historic Register. Visit the exhibit honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Pilgrimage.

2. **Gardens of Melinda and Jack Richard**-1320 Dunbar Ave., Bay St. Louis. Mrs. Richard, President of "Gather Ye Rosebuds," designed and planted the beautiful rose garden which contains a collection of more than 100 rose bushes. Mr. Richard designed and installed the semiformal Water Gardens and numerous waterloving plants thrive there. The wisteria covered pergola, winding paths, old garden gates, beds under planted with numerous perennial and annuals, old garden roses cascading over arbors create an innovative and charming setting for the most popular flower in the world.

3. **LeMarin, Home of Carter Church and Yancy Pogue**-406 North Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis overlooks the Mississippi Sound at the mouth of the Bay of St. Louis and was part of the 1817 Necaise Land Grant. During the ownership of Uriah J. Virgin extensive renovations were made to give the home features reminiscent of the Mission/Prairie style that is most evident in the windows and the dining room's englenook. The C.C. McDonald family purchased the house in 1925 and it remained in the family until 1994. After a 16-month renovation and restoration by the current owners, it was used by Hancock County Historical Society as its 1995 Decorator Show House. The home features an extensive, eclectic art collection and award winning kitchen, greatroom and beautifully landscaped gardens.

4. **Home of Mr. and Mrs. William McCandless, Jr.**-226 North Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis. Situated on the highest bluff on the entire Gulf Coast, commanding a sweeping view of the Bay, this Acadian Cottage is known throughout the area for its tall sloping roof and its handsome front door of leaded glass made in England. Built in 1975 by Pati and Glenn Bannister on the former site of Christ Episcopal Church, the house was acquired by its current owners eight years ago. A modified Gulf Coast style, the hallway runs from front to back. The archway separating the living and dining rooms is of the typical Victorian style. The



dining room chandelier is antique Baccarat crystal brought from New Orleans. Decor includes family portraits and furniture that has been in the family over 200 years.

5. **Beachwood Hall, Home of Charles Gray and Jim Plauche**-806 S. Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis. (Open from 9 a.m. to noon only). This elegant Greek Revival residence was built c. 1840. Gray, President of the Hancock County Historical Society, has deeds that date to 1813. It is furnished with family antiques and numerous topflight collections they have gathered in 29 trips around the world. The gold leaf furniture is from Beachwood Hall, Charles' ancestral home in Tennessee. Elaborately framed 19th century Mardi Gras invitations from Plauche's grandmother are shown in the downstairs hallway. There is a central hall and double parlors to each side. Windows on the front cantilever gallery go to the floor and raise to six feet; you can walk in and out. At Beachwood Hall there are two Christmas traditions, all rooms are decorated; relatives and friends are invited to a formal party the Sunday before Christmas.

6. **Old Town Bay St. Louis Merchants Association Hospitality Center**-128 Main St. (rear). Refreshments, brochures and maps available. Open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. only.

Afternoon tour 1-4 p.m.
7. **Home of Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Hernandez**-125 Bienville Dr., Waveland. This home, constructed in the Planters Cottage Style, was completed in 18 months by family and friends working on weekends, holidays and vacations without the aid of outside contractors. The lumber for the first floor was cut from the trees cleared from the land. The house has 10-foot ceilings in the downstairs area and an 8-foot front porch and 25 square columns

surround most of the house. Guest room and foyer can be viewed from an upstairs catwalk. Antiques decorate the home, and over 300 azaleas planted on the property make a splendid show in the springtime.

8. **Home of Mary Jane and Lem McCoy**-421 North Beach Blvd., Waveland. The magnolia tree left of the entry drive is reputed to be the third oldest in the Southeast. The live oak in the front yard is estimated to be over 350 years old. Archaeologists excavations have found Civil War buttons and the foundation of a previous home. This magnificent site dictated floor plans and orientation of the home which was completed in 1994. All rooms have views of both the Gulf and the surrounding woods. The wood floors were salvaged from a house in New Orleans. All home furnishings are family hand-me-downs, "treasures" from Magazine Street and private sales. The guest house was purchased from the Highway Dept. move and renovated.

9. **Home of Russell Lienhard Voorhies**-138 South Beach Blvd., Waveland. This home was designed by the owner specifically for the Old Trellis property (El Trellis Cigars) and has a beautiful view of the Mississippi Sound. It reflects Voorhies' ancestry - a blend of Acadian, Gulf Coast and New Orleans. A wrap-around porch, five cypress french doors and raised foundation contribute to the traditional appearance. The interior has full natural lighting and a spacious living area, an open floor plan inclusive of the living dining and kitchen areas. The main level is floored with Vermont slate. A bench under the 200-year-old "VanVoorhies Oak" is used to enjoy a view and Gulf breezes.

10. **Home of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Crane**-426 South Beach Blvd., Waveland. This beautiful survivor of Hurricane Camille was built in the late 1880's and was featured in "Along The Gulf," published in 1895, as the mansion of John R. Fell. Crane Builders and Plantation Pools (Crane, President) restored the front porch to its former glory to take advantage of the spectacular view and cool breezes of the Mississippi Sound. Mrs. Crane designed the new gourmet kitchen and elegant great room with massive brick fireplace. Furnishings include family pieces, antiques and Mardi Gras memorabilia. Its lovely porches, spectacular new pool and landscaped grounds make this home perfect for entertaining; reminiscent of a "By-gone" era.



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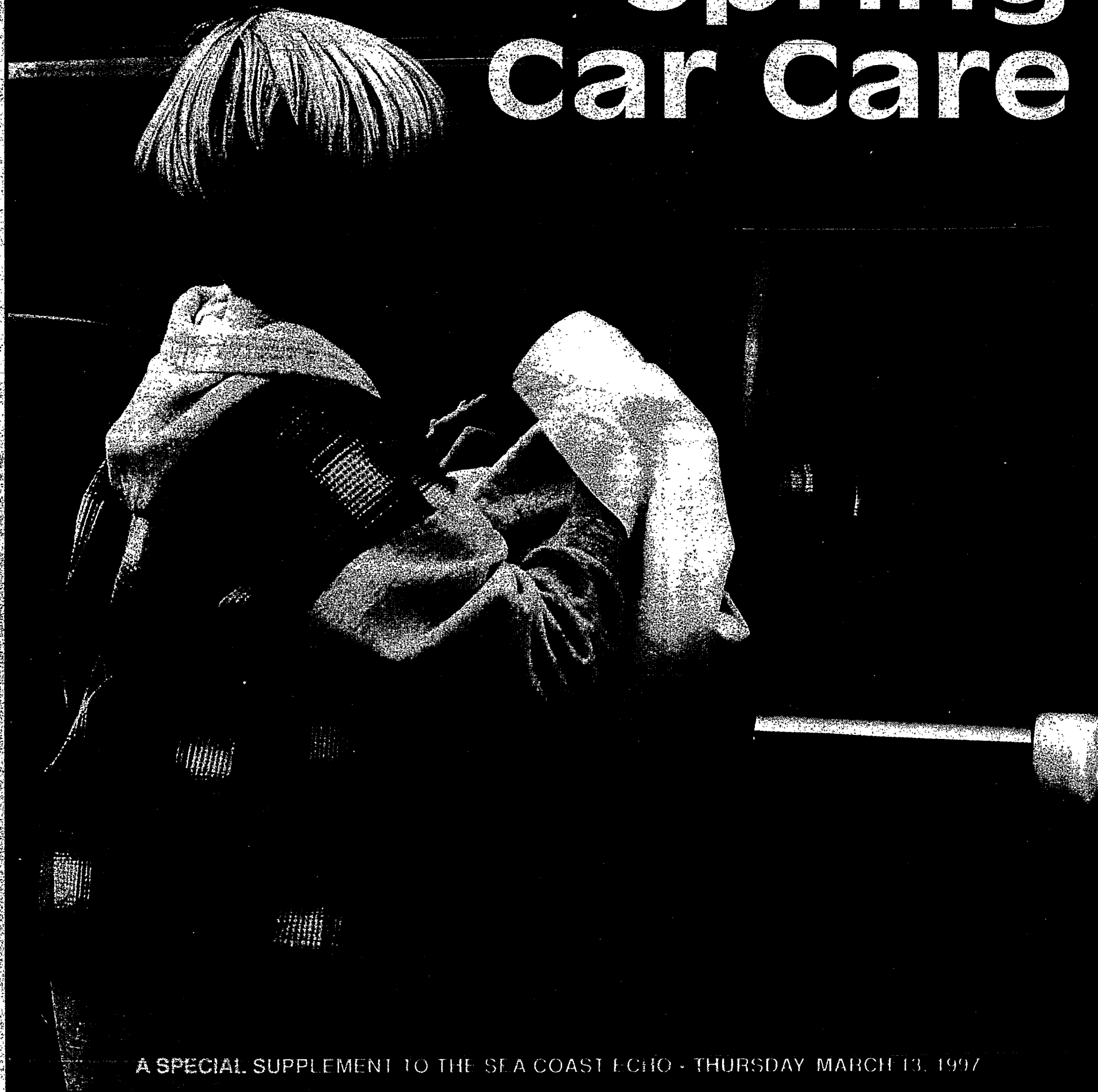
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Routine maintenance

Save dollars in the long run

Motorists, beware: Summer's heat, dust and stop-and-go traffic will take their toll on your vehicle. Add the effects of last winter, and you could be poised for a breakdown.

You can lessen the odds of mechanical failure through periodic maintenance. Your vehicle should last longer, too—up to 50 percent longer, according to the non-profit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE).

ASE, which tests and certifies the competence of Automotive technicians, presents the following car care tips as a public service. Some are easy to do, others require a skilled auto technician.

• **Air conditioning.** A marginally operating system will fail in hot weather. Have the system examined by a technician who is ASE-certified in air conditioning repair and service.

• **Cooling system.** The greatest cause of summer breakdowns is overheating. The cooling system should be completely flushed and refilled about every 24 months.

The level, condition, and concentration of the coolant should be checked periodically. (A 50/50 mix of anti-freeze and water is usually recommended.)

Do-it-yourselfers, wait until the engine has cooled before removing the radiator cap! The tightness and condition of drive belts, clamps and hoses should be checked by a pro.

• **Oil.** Change your oil and oil filter as specified in your manual—more often (every 3,000 miles) if you make frequent short jaunts, extended trips with lots of luggage, or tow a trailer.

• **Engine performance.** Replace other filters (air, fuel, PCV, etc.) as recommended—more often in dusty conditions. Have engine problems (hard starts, rough idling, diminished power, etc.) corrected at a good shop with modern testing equipment and ASE-certified technicians.

• **Windshield wipers.** A dirty windshield causes eye fatigue and can pose a safety hazard. Replace worn blades and keep plenty of windshield washer solvent on hand.

• **Tires.** Have your tires rotated about every 5,000 miles. Check tire pressures once a month; let the tires "cool down" first. Don't forget to check your spare, and be sure the jack is in good condition.

Examine each tire for tread life, uneven wearing, and cupping; check the sidewalls for cuts and nicks. An alignment is warranted if there's uneven tread wear or if your vehicle "pulls."

• **Brakes.** Brakes should be inspected as recommended in your manual, or sooner if you notice pulsations, grabbing noises, or longer stopping distance. Minor brake problems

should be corrected promptly.

• **Emergencies.** Carry some basic tools. Ask a technician for suggestions. Also include a first aid kit, flares and a flashlight. Consider buying a CB radio or car phone.

To find a good technician, ask friends and associates for recommendations; check out the reputation of the repair shop

with your local consumer group, and look for technicians who have earned national certification through ASE. Shops with certified technicians often display ASE's blue and white sign.

For ASE's free summer car care brochure, send a business-sized, stamped envelope to: ASE, Dept. MC-S92, 13505 Dulles Technology Dr., Herndon, VA 22071.

Prepare your car for sunny days ahead

Now that the sun is shining, long drives and vacation road trips will most likely be on your agenda.

But before you head for the open road, it's important to remember a few basics about shedding a car's "winter coat" and preparing it for the warmer months ahead.

While you may enjoy the sun, it's no picnic on your car. Soaring temperatures and increased exposure to ultraviolet rays can cause paint to oxidize, spot and dull.

"Our research has shown that interior temperatures can sometimes reach 240 degrees, baking dashboards, seats and other surfaces," says Leslie Kennedy, public relations manager, Armor All Products Corporation.

"Knowing the basics of car care and using the right products can prolong the life of a car significantly, with a minimal investment of time and money."

Kennedy identifies the following proper car-cleaning techniques:

• **Regular washings.** At least twice a month to help combat the elements and keep the finish looking new. Use a product specifically formulated for cars. Regular household detergents may strip a car's paint of its protective finish.

Tip: Save money by drying with a clean, non-abrasive

cloth, such as a baby diaper, rather than purchasing expensive chamois cloths.

• **Protection.** Dashboards, tires, consoles and other rubber, vinyl and plastic surfaces need regular cleaning and protection from the damaging effects of the sun.

A water-based protectant which has a built-in sunscreen, provides a barrier against the harmful elements.

Tip: Leave the windows slightly open on warm days to reduce interior heat.

• **Leather interiors.** Clean and moisturize with a specially-formulated leather care product to keep them fresh.

• **Tires.** Use a water-based protectant to clean and condition sidewalls to prevent damage caused by ozone and other harmful elements.

Tip: To keep hands clean, use a one-step spray-on product such as Armor All Tire Foam. No wiping is necessary.

• **Final step.** Prepare your car for springtime weather by waxing. Most cars built before 1980 have traditional lacquer finishes and need a durable, deep-cleaning wax.

Newer cars have clear-coat finishes that need low-abrasive polishes which won't scratch. New to the market are waxes designed for light and dark car colors. Again, use a soft cloth for wiping and buffing to protect the surface from scratching.



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Change antifreeze yearly for best results

Antifreeze is one of the most important fluids used in your car's engine. It not only protects the engine from boiling over in hot summer weather and freezing in winter, it also prevents damaging rust and corrosion build-up in the cooling system.

If you neglect to change your antifreeze regularly, your car could fail and leave you stranded on the highway.

In fact, most roadside breakdowns occur because a car owner failed to change his or her antifreeze and maintain the cooling system on a regular basis.

And even if the existing antifreeze tests okay for freeze-up and boil-over protection, its rust

and corrosion inhibitors may be weak and ineffective.

TIME TO CHANGE

According to the cooling system experts at First Brands Corporation, the maker of Prestone Antifreeze/Coolant, there are three basic ways to determine whether it is time to change your antifreeze.

The first way is to test the antifreeze with a tester. A device like the Prestone Antifreeze/Coolant Tester, which can be purchased from most automotive outlets, will allow you to see if a low concentration of antifreeze exists in the system. If the concentration is low, you need to change the antifreeze.

The second involves visual inspection. If the existing antifreeze appears dirty or has floating debris, it must be replaced.

The third way to tell is if it's been one year or more since you last changed your antifreeze.

After one year, most of the important corrosion inhibitors are depleted, which means that neglecting to change your antifreeze regularly can leave your cooling system susceptible to rust and corrosion.

FLUSH SYSTEM

Changing your antifreeze begins by thoroughly flushing the cooling system. But using only water for this process can leave

behind rust, grease and other sediments that can hinder the system's performance.

The experts advise you to use a product which is specially formulated for flushing the cooling system and can remove more oil, sediment and rust than flushing with water alone.

Once the system has been thoroughly flushed, the next step is to refill it with the proper mixture of high quality antifreeze and water. But not all antifreeze brands are the same.

Only the most effective have the extra corrosion inhibitors needed to give modern cooling systems optimum protection.

THE RIGHT MIX

A minimum 50-50 mix of antifreeze/coolant and water will lower the freezing point of your cooling system to minus 34°F (with a 15-pound pressure cap) and raise its boiling point to 265°F.

A 70-30 mix (70 percent antifreeze to water), the highest recommended ratio, will lower the freezing point to minus 84°F and raise the boiling point to 276°F (with a 15-pound pressure cap).

Maintaining your cooling system today will help to ensure trouble-free driving throughout the summer season.

Keep it clean

Proper way to wash and wax your vehicle

Ask anyone the proper way to wash a car. You'll be surprised to hear the different methods. Most of us learned from watching our parents. Unfortunately, we're usually not aware of the damage we do from improper washing and waxing.

Your car collects dirt just sitting outdoors. Rain makes it stick to paint like glue. It contains very fine particles of hard, gritty sand.

If you wash improperly, that grit will cause thousands of hair-like scratches in the paint. They look like spider webs and are easily seen on darker colors such as red, blue and black. It's worse on sunny days or under fluorescent light.

If you dry your car with dusty towels, you'll cause even more scratching. Remember, every little scratch is a tiny groove where a little paint was removed. The more scratching you do, the quicker your shine will dull.

Do you frequently use one of the common car waxes that clean and polish your car in one step? These formulations contain polishing abrasives that also remove a tiny bit of paint each time they're used. Some can actually make paint duller!

Most newer cars have a thin clear coat over the color. If this gets worn away by improper care, the paint will never look new again.

Proper care starts with correct washing procedures. Wait for a day with little or no wind. Always wash in shade and after the paint surface is cool to the touch. Use a hose and plenty of water.

Start at the top. Wet the car down to loosen dirt. Use water to flat dirt away. Soak the whole car. Wait two minutes and repeat.

Now fill a bucket with mild car wash diluted in lukewarm water. Fill a second bucket with clear warm water (no soap).

Soak a clean sponge, towel or

washing mitt in the soapy solution. Use it on the roof. Move very lightly over the surface. Do not rub hard, as this causes scratches. Hose off all soap residue from the roof.

Before getting more soapy water, always clean your towel, sponge or wash mitt of grit by vigorously agitating it in the bucket of clear warm water. Much of the scratch-causing dirt will sink to the bottom of the bucket.

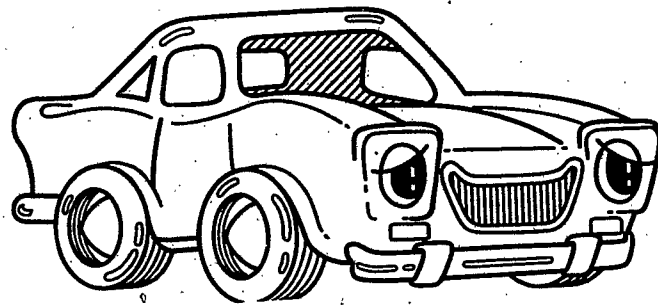
Now wash all the glass. Wash the hood and trunk. Hose off. Do the sides of the car last. Be careful near the car's bottom and wheels. These areas are usually the dirtiest and very susceptible to scratching. Hose off the entire car.

Be cautious when drying your car. Use only soft cotton towels that have just been machine washed and dried without a softener, or use a clean chamois skin.

Never use drying materials that have been sitting around gathering dust. They'll scratch.

You'll need at least four large towels. Use one towel to remove most of the water from the roof. Then completely dry the surface with a dry towel. Never allow water to evaporate. Dissolved minerals will cause water spotting.

If your car needs waxing, first determine if your wax contains any abrasive. Simply apply some with a white cloth to a painted surface that is not clear coated. (A painted lawn mower or metal desk is fine for testing.)



Rub firmly for 30 seconds. Look at the cloth. If you see the color of paint, you can bet your wax contains abrasive. It may be all right to use, but don't wax often with this type product.

If you really care for your finish, use a no-rub, easy to use, pure wax with no abrasive. Apply every two to three months for cars left outdoors (less if garaged). Use a separate fine polish to remove scratches and "dead" paint only when necessary—and only one or two times per year.

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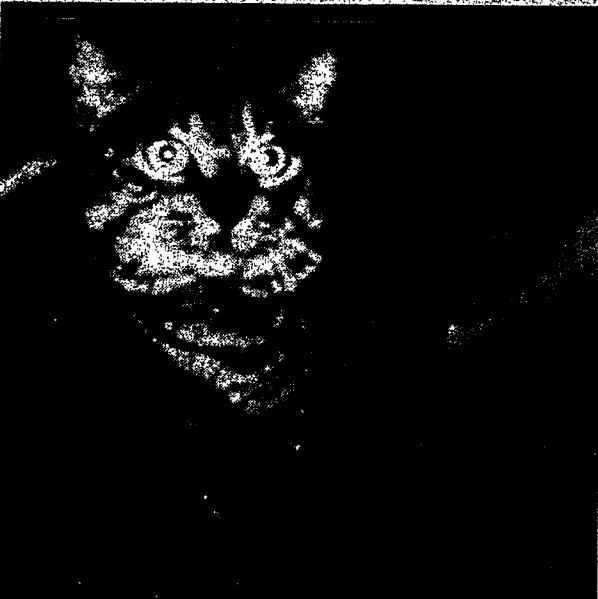
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Overheating

Prevent problems by checking for leaks

When a cooling system fails, the engine overheats. And when a car overheats for very long, metal engine parts can be seriously damaged and require expensive repair.

Overheating can result when the coolant level is too low or when there is a leak in the system. Sometimes just driving in stop-and-go traffic on a hot summer day with the air conditioner running is enough to overheat the engine.

Coolant loss

A low coolant level leads to overheating because there isn't enough fluid in the system to absorb engine heat.

The air in the system that is absorbing these high temperatures is a poor heat conductor and won't do an effective job of transferring the heat to the radiator.

Cars with coolant recovery tanks have markings on the white plastic tank indicating where coolant levels should be when the car is running and when it's not. If the coolant level is low after repeated fillings, you probably have a leak in the system.

Coolant hose leaks

Hoses are the most likely source of leaks because they are structurally the weakest components of the cooling system.

Hoses must be flexible to absorb vibration, so they are made of rubber compounds. Rubber, unfortunately, is not as durable as metal.

Intense engine heat can harden and crack even the best rubber; oil can soften and swell it; the simple passage of time can break down its internal bonding; and electrochemical degradation can crack the tube.

In many instances, hose leaks occur at faulty connections to the inlet and outlet pipes. Make certain the hose clamps are secure.

When replacing a hose, it's also a good idea to replace the clamps. Traditional worm-drive clamps or the new constant tension clamps are best.

To extend the service life of a hose, keep it away from damaging external elements such as hot manifolds, oil-leaking parts and sharp edges. In these situations, protect the hose with a sleeve.

You should also avoid using the soluble oils found in some coolants, under the assumption they lubricate the water pump. Most modern antifreeze solutions contain all the lubricants a water pump needs. Soluble oil only serves to destroy a hose before its time.

All cooling system hoses should be inspected every six months. Most often, the upper radiator hose and the curved bypass hose will fail without warning. But, eventually they all will need to be replaced.

Cooling system hoses should

be replaced roughly every four years.

Water pump leaks

It is common to find an occasional drop of coolant under the water pump. Excessive leaking, however, indicates a problem. Housing bolts on the pump should be tight. If they are, and leaking persists, the pump's inner seal is probably damaged and the pump must be replaced.

Radiator leaks

Radiator leaks are often just the result of a loose petcock or plug. Simple tightening should correct this.

The inner seal on the radiator cap should be checked periodically. If the seal is cracked, or the metal parts are rusted, coolant will escape and the cap will fail to pressurize the remaining coolant adequately.

While stains on the radiator point to a more serious problem. These stains result from coolant reacting with the metal parts.

Pouring a liquid sealant in the radiator might solve the problem, but chances are good that the radiator needs to be repaired or replaced. This is frequently the case with many of today's aluminum radiators.

Heater leaks

Leaks can occur in the heater control valve or in the heater core. A liquid sealant can some-

times help but, more often than not, the heating system units will have to be replaced.

Engine leaks

Leaks can occur on the engine block wherever there is a bolted housing, such as at the thermostat or water pump housing.

You should also inspect the block's drain plugs and core plugs (also known as freeze plugs). Core plugs are holes left in the engine when it is cast and later covered by metal discs. If these discs loosen or corrode, coolant can escape from the block.

If leaking continues after you've checked all the hoses, clamp connections and metal components of the cooling system, the leak is probably internal.

This situation can be confirmed by the presence of engine oil in the coolant, in the exhaust system, or transmission fluid. A visually inspected sample of the coolant will reveal the presence of oil. In both the latter situations, however, sophisticated test instruments will help make this determination.

In all cases, internal leaks can be the result of blown head gaskets, cracked heads or blocks, and loose or damaged head bolts. Usually, major engine repair is required.

Make your drive time more relaxing

Driving can be very stressful for even the best of drivers. Since Americans travel more than a trillion miles in their cars each year, it's important to ease the tension of waiting in traffic or driving during rush hours. Cars need to be comfortable, since people spend so much time in them.

One way to make cars feel more like "home" is to redecorate the interiors with state-of-the-art fabrics and styling, so they take on a whole new look and feel. People typically redecorate rooms in their homes every five years. Now that people are keeping their vehicles for an average of eight years, those interiors probably need some touching up also.

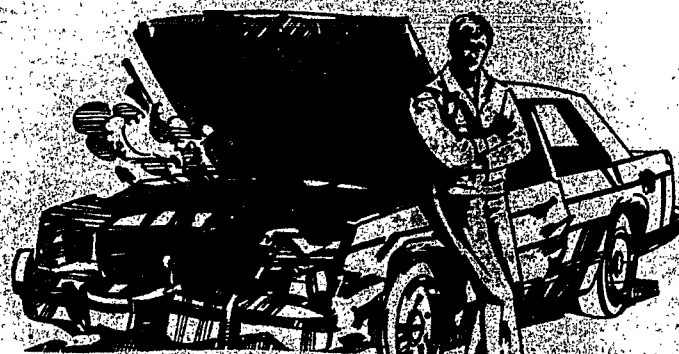
Genuine leather upholstery, for example, is gaining popular-

ity as a re-upholstering material for motor vehicles, adding the look and feel of quality. An old vinyl interior can be upgraded with luxurious fabric, available in a wide variety of colors and patterns.

Cloth fabric, with its comfort and durability, is still preferred by most vehicle owners and car company interior designers. It stays cool in the summer and warm in the winter.

To find out about redecorating your vehicle's interior, go to an auto trim specialist to look at samples. It doesn't cost anything to look and you may be pleasantly surprised at the prices.

Consider restyling your car, van or truck. It won't improve rush-hour traffic, but it can make the drive more relaxing.



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Tire maintenance is simple, inexpensive

One of the most neglected parts of an automobile—the tires—are actually among the easiest and most economical to maintain.

In fact, just a few minutes of attention each month will help ensure longer tire life and performance.

The key, experts agree, is to prevent problems before they occur. This is particularly true in the spring, when warmer weather entices people to embark on vacations or weekend getaways.

Proper tire maintenance also promotes traction, smoothness and a quieter ride.

Few of the maintenance procedures, such as inflation checks and visual inspections, can be done by the owner at minimal cost.

Inflation pressure can be checked at service stations, usually for no charge. It is recommended that a tire pressure gauge be purchased (for approximately \$8), as service station equipment can be inaccurate or inconsistent. Visual inspections of the tires can be conducted for free at home.

Three other elements of tire maintenance—rotation, alignment and balancing—are generally performed by a mechanic or tire dealer as part of a vehicle's regular servicing.

Inflation pressure is the most important aspect of tire maintenance. Improperly inflated tires—whether overinflated or underinflated—result in irregular treadwear and poor gas mileage.

Experts recommend checking air pressure at least once a month with an accurate gauge when the tires are cold.

Recommended air pressures usually can be found in owners' manuals, although it's best to consult with the tire dealer or manufacturer if the vehicle's original tires have been replaced.

Improperly inflated tires will sometimes "squeal" around corners at normal speeds, or feel mushy during turns.

A tire is considered seriously underinflated or overinflated if it is four or more psi—pounds per square inch—off the recommended level.

Generally, tires lose about one psi each month. A spring-time tip: warmer temperatures will cause a rise in pressure of about one psi for every 10 degrees.

Visual inspections are important because they reveal irregular treadwear (one side may be more worn than the other), punctures or other outside damage, the amount of tread remaining on a tire, or even a pebble or stone lodged in the tread.

A simple test using a penny can help determine if a tire's tread is below the safe—or legal—limit. If Lincoln's head is fully visible after the penny has been placed in the tread, then

the tire needs replacing.

A more conventional method is to check the wear bar indicators. These can be located by using the arrows on the sidewall as a guide. If the tread is the same height as the wear bar, the tire should be replaced.

Tires should be rotated every 7,000-10,000 miles, with city driving requiring the most frequent attention. Tire rotation extends a tire's life by balancing out the wear variances.

Treadwear can be more pronounced at wheel positions that carry more of the vehicle's weight.

Proper wheel alignment also ensures even treadwear, and may prevent suspension damage that could occur if neglected.

When a car is out of alignment—often caused by driving over potholes and on rough roads—it slightly alters the position of the tires, causing one part of the tire to wear more quickly than the other areas.

Uneven wear can also occur if the wheel and tires are out of balance. The latter is detected by a vibrating steering wheel, which usually becomes more pronounced at highway speeds.

Safety tips for motorcycle enthusiasts

Motorcycling is a dangerous business in the United States, says the Insurance Information Institute, which offers these tips to make your ride enjoyable and safe:

- Making your motorcycle as conspicuous as possible—at all times—is your best chance to avoiding a crash.

- Keep your headlight on at all times.

- Wear a fluorescent vest and helmet, and make sure your passengers do too. The visibility of motorcycles at night is improved with additional running lights.

- If you ride a motorcycle, know the controls by touch. Taking your eyes off the road to look for them can be hazardous in quick-reflex situations.

- Inspect the motorcycle each time before riding.

- Slow down at intersections—especially where your vision is limited or where lights have just turned yellow or green—and watch for turning vehicles.

- Advise passengers about avoiding contact with hot or moving parts, and other safe riding practices.

- Never loan your motorcycle or borrow one from another person.

- When riding, always wear personal protective equipment.

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Have you checked your dipstick lately?

Are you one of the growing number of car owners who seldom checks your oil between changes? If so, you could be in danger of engine trouble.

Low oil levels cause increased wear of internal engine parts, reduced fuel efficiency and lower horsepower.

These problems occur because, over time, oil viscosity increases, which means the oil becomes thick and sticky. Kendall Motor Oil researchers have found that, if a car is one quart low on oil, viscosity increases dramatically, and oil has trouble flowing to engine parts.

Because this sludgy oil flows less easily, the engine can become starved for oil, increasing friction, corrosion and wear. This can eventually lead to engine failure.

"If you were to check the oil levels in cars on the road today, you would find that more than half of them would be at least one quart low — amazingly, some even two quarts," says Keith Bator, a Kendall Motor Oil engineer.

REASONS FOR LOW OIL LEVELS

There are several reasons for these low oil levels. One reason is that new cars use less oil than older models. People will usually check the oil several times after purchasing a car, and then cease checking when they no-

tice that oil levels are consistent.

These new car owners fail to realize that, as time goes on, their engines will consume more oil, increasing chances for engine failure.

Kendall engineers remind motorists that, as a car ages, it is even more important to check the oil level with each gas fill-up.

"The more miles that are put on an oil, the more consumption you will experience," says a Kendall engineer. Your engine may also develop an oil leak, so it is important to monitor oil levels closely.

Another reason that today's automobiles are low on oil is the disappearance of full-service gas stations.

There are few stations that still check your oil when you pull in for gas. Consequently, there is no constant reminder of the importance of maintaining a proper oil level.

Checking your oil is a quick and simple procedure. You will need only an old cloth or a paper towel and motor oil to add if the level is low.

Make sure the car is on level ground and has been turned off for at least 15 minutes. This will allow all oil to drain into the oil pan for an accurate reading.

HOW TO CHECK OIL

Step one: Locate the dipstick

(a thin metal rod with a circular, ring-like handle showing, usually near the middle-front of the motor.)

Step two: Pull the dipstick out completely and wipe off the oil-coated end with the cloth. Re-insert the dipstick so that it is all the way back in place.

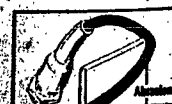
Step three: Remove the dipstick again and read the oil level according to the marks indicating the proper fill range.

If the level is low, you will need to add oil by pouring the amount needed into a separate filler tube or opening, often with a cap marked "oil" (check your owner's manual for the exact location).

Kendall engineers recommend a premium SAE 5W-30, 10W-30 or 10W-40, because these multigrade oils are made for year-round use. They easily adapt to a wide range of temperatures.

Costly engine repairs are less likely with proper care. So remember, check your oil level frequently, add more oil if the level is low, and change your oil every 3,000 miles. These simple steps will prolong the life of your engine.

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Tire inflation affects fuel maintenance level

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Improper tire inflation takes its toll of tires through uneven wear and, in some cases, accidents.

In addition to forcing you to replace tires more frequently, an underinflated tire creates more rolling resistance. More simply put, it means that your car burns more gasoline trying

to push itself along on underinflated tires.

Telling figures

Estimates show that a tire underinflated by only five pounds of air increases fuel consumption by as much as seven percent, according to one industry source.

Check tire pressure in morning

Recommended pressures normally apply to cold tires, meaning that you should check your tire pressures early in the morning, before you begin your drive.

If underinflating a tire is bad, what about overinflation? The answer is that putting too much air in your tires is not advisable because, like underinflation,

this can also cause tires to wear prematurely, decrease ride comfort, alter your car's handling performance, and reduce the tires' contact patch, that small square of your tire in contact with the road's surface at a given moment.

How do you know if your car's tires need more or less air? One way is that an underinflated tire will often show wear on the outer surfaces of the tread.

An overinflated tire will show wear by the smoothing of the tread in the middle of the tire, but your best bet is keeping a tire gauge in your car and taking readings regularly.

Replace tires as necessary

By federal law, all tires sold in this country must incorporate wear indicators in the form of smooth, treadless strips running across the width of the tire, which become visible as the tire's tread reaches the point that indicates the tire should be replaced.

Knock, knock

That sound may point to problem

Ominous car sounds tell you something may be wrong; understanding their cause can help you and your mechanic find and correct the problem before it becomes serious.

Here are some of the more common noises, listed by Car Care Council.

—A "clunk" from under the car when you start forward or back up could be a warning that a universal joint is failing. That's serious if it breaks and the drive shaft drops while you're driving.

If you have a front-wheel drive car, you'll also get a clunking sound if you have a looseness in a CV joint (like a universal joint that connects the front wheels to the transverse axle).

—When you apply the brakes and hear a squeal or a scraping sound, that could indicate worn brake linings or pads. If allowed to continue, it could result in damaging brake drums or rotors, making the repair more extensive.

—A thumping sound from a tire could be caused by flat spots on the tread due to improper balance or alignment. It also could be tread separation, which could result in a blowout.

—The sound of ticking in the engine usually is a valve lifter, generally heard when the engine is idling.

—A sudden screech from under the hood could be a worn or loose drive belt.

—A knocking or ping from under the hood when you accelerate could be from low grade gasoline, incorrect timing or other tune-up adjustments.

—A whining sound as you move from a standstill to normal driving speed could be coming from the transmission and could mean that you are low on transmission fluid. You probably won't hear this sound when

the car is idling or in neutral.

—A spitting sound or rumble from somewhere under the car could be an exhaust leak. This is a potentially dangerous situation, due to poisonous exhaust fumes that could seep into the car.

If you raise the hood and hear a steady snapping sound that speeds up if the engine runs faster, it could mean a spark plug wire is loose or shorting out. The snapping sound is a spark jumping from the bad wire to the metal of the engine.

You turn on the ignition switch and hear a clicking sound, but the starter does nothing, your battery may need charging or replacing. It also could be loose or corroded connections. The clicking comes from the starter solenoid, which isn't getting enough voltage to engage the starter.

YEAR-OLD WIPER BLADES DUE FOR A CHANGE

Good visibility during inclement weather requires fresh, flexible wiper blades. If the ones on your car are about to celebrate their first birthday, they are probably due for a change, says Car Care Council.

And here's a tip: When you do replace the old wiper blades with new ones, regular cleaning with a mild detergent of the wiping edge can increase their efficiency... and their life.

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Vacation time

Make driving a breeze with measures

For most of us, spring and summer mean vacation time. And if your vacation includes driving, some basic preventive measures can mean the difference between a refreshing break and a disastrous outing.

A motor oil and filter change should be at the top of your maintenance list before a long trip. Consult your owner's manual for the proper viscosity grade.

If you intend to pull a camper, boat or other type of trailer on your trip, it's important that you have a vehicle equipped with the proper towing package and use the right motor oil.

Use a heavy-duty motor oil to take the stress of towing. Let the owner's manual be your guide to determine if and how you should pull a load with your vehicle.

A complete maintenance check-up should also include:

- Checking all belts and hoses to make sure they are in

good condition.

- Checking all reservoirs for the correct amount of fluid. These include the brake fluid, transmission fluid and power steering fluid.

- Tuning up the car and making sure all electrical systems are operating properly.

- Checking the tires for correct pressure and to detect signs of abnormal wear.

- Checking the exhaust system.

- Checking the windshield wiper blades and filling the wiper fluid reservoir.

- Checking the engine coolant level for the correct concentration of fluid.

- Checking the air-conditioning system to make sure it is not leaking, is properly charged with refrigerant and is operating.

When you stop the car to fill up with gasoline or to give the travelers a break, you should pop the hood and check the oil and fluid levels again.

Vacations can provide memorable experiences for everyone. A little attention to the car can ensure that the memories aren't bad ones.

Brake failure can often be prevented

Brake failure is the leading cause of motor accidents due to mechanical deficiencies. The vast majority of these failures can be traced to neglected maintenance.

Car Care Council offers this basic information to help owners better understand their vehicles' braking systems.

—When you step on the brake pedal, you create friction that resists the wheels from turning. Eventually, friction causes the brake parts to wear out and require replacement. You can make your brakes wear better and keep repair costs down by using good driving habits.

—When you stop, let the vehicle slow gradually instead of stopping suddenly. Never ride the brakes on long hills.

—For maintenance, check the fluid level in the master cylinder once a month, and add heavy duty brake fluid if the level is low.

—Be aware of the symptoms of brake trouble and seek the advice of a qualified technician when brakes act erratically. You cannot put a price tag on the security of knowing you have a good braking system under foot.

—In order to take care of your car's braking system, you should understand it. Use the accompanying diagram to familiarize yourself with its major components.

Proper auto care takes heat off summer driving

The last thing any motorist wants during the hot summer months is to be stranded on the road because his or her car has broken down. However, problems such as this can be easily avoided if proper, year round, maintenance is practiced.

It is often difficult to foresee when your car needs attention, but the following tips focus on some of the aspects of automotive maintenance that may require your attention.

—If your engine is hard to start, uses a lot of gas, is sluggish or smokes, have it checked by a professional.

—Make sure the cooling system is performing properly and check the antifreeze level.

—Check the tire pressure and tread.

—Check the oil. It's not just a lubricant, it also serves as an

engine coolant.

—Is your car's transmission noisy, or does it slip when you shift gears? If so, have it checked as soon as possible, since transmission repairs can become costly.

—Check the hoses and belts for signs of wear. If a hose or belt fails, it can radically effect a vital part of the motor.

—Have the brakes checked if they are making any noise or are not performing as well as they should.

—Replace the windshield wipers if they are streaking or smearing.

Keeping your car in good condition with periodic checkups can increase its lifetime as well as its resale value. Money spent now on maintenance may well save you money down the road on repairs.



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Exploring the mysterious language of mechanics

"Your timing belt is slipping," and "your rackamafrika is on the fritz" are two very different phrases on paper, but these words coming from a mechanic's mouth may just as well have the same meaning to some consumers.

"Not knowing what a 'rackamafrika' is or what it does can be confusing and intimidating to a car owner," said Pat Lazzaro, professional race car driver and adviser to Firestone Tire & Service Center.

"But with basic knowledge about the parts of a car, anyone can learn the language of mechanics."

Lazzaro offers "plain English" definitions of these mysterious words as a beginning to

overcoming what she calls "autophobia" — the rational or irrational fear of the servicing of automobiles.

• **Carburetor:** a mechanical device that mixes fuel and air together in proper quantities to suit the varying needs of the engine. The electronic equivalent of the carburetor is the fuel injection system — it does the same thing, only it is computer-regulated and more precise.

• **Alternator:** provides electrical current that is then stored in the battery. It's called an alternator because it generates alternating current versus direct current.

• **Catalytic converter:** a pollution-control device which

as part of the exhaust system converts carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons into environmentally friendly substances like water and carbon dioxide.

• **Thermostat:** a one-way heat-sensitive door that regulates the flow of coolant from the radiator to the engine to get the engine to its operating temperature quickly, then keep it there.

• **Water pump:** so named because it pumps water through the engine and out into the radiator, enabling the cooling cycle.

• **Timing chain/timing belt:** a chain that synchronizes the internal mechanical operation of the engine, sort of like the conductor on an orchestra.

• **ABS:** anti-lock braking system. High performance, electronically controlled braking system that pulses the brake pedal when it senses impending lockup. Because the wheels can't lock up, it is easier for a driver to keep control of the car.

There are different maintenance schedules for each of these components. Consumers should talk to their mechanic about them.

Save money by sprucing up your older car

Low monthly payments are a big selling point in new car advertising. The fine print often discloses that these are lease payments. Lease or otherwise, the on-camera salesman makes \$250 sound like chicken feed.

For many prospective car buyers, that "chicken feed" would go a lot further in the immediate needs of the car they already own. It covers the cost of a brake system overhaul or a major tune-up plus long overdue oil change.

It might pay for two new tires and a battery or for other needs that press a person to go car shopping.

Car leasing or lower monthly finance payments help ease the sting of higher new car prices. But statistics demonstrate that owners are fixing up and driving their older cars. Average car age is at its highest since the late 1950s.

"For many of us, the handwriting is on the wall," said Don Midgley of Car Care Council. "In many cases it is wiser to accept one whopping repair bill and hang on to the old car or truck than to commit to a hefty

monthly payment for four or five years."

This is the subject of a pamphlet published by the Council which states when an aging car needs repairs, too often the solution lies in the quickest route to the car dealer's showroom.

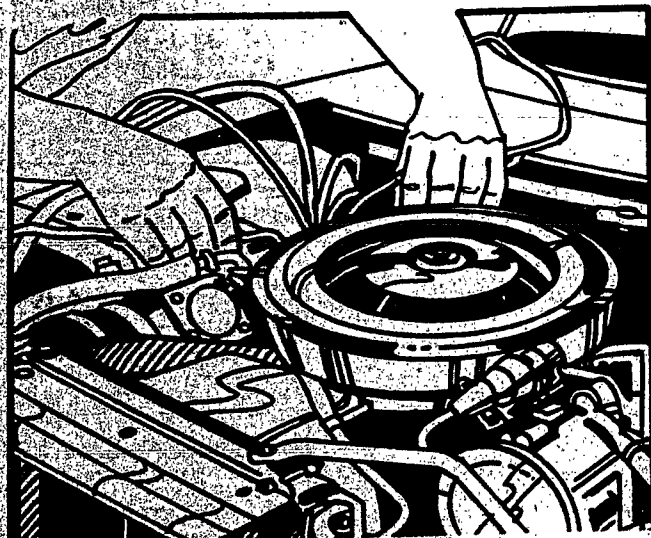
But supposing the amount of the down payment (plus a little extra) were spent on the old car instead, making it serviceable for at least another year?


One thing is certain: whatever repairs your vehicle needs, it probably won't cost as much as buying a new one.

"And it's not a long-term commitment," Midgley said. "Meanwhile you are driving a better vehicle and later, when you sell or trade, your car should bring a higher price."

For a good look at the pros and cons of fixing up vs. trading up, send for the Council's pamphlet *Renew Or Replace (Rx For Marking a Decision)*.

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What to do after an accident

Common sense steps decrease complications

An automobile accident can leave you feeling angry, anxious and scared. When these emotions are triggered, it becomes very easy to forget many of the common sense steps to take to help ensure that the claims handling process for your vehicle repairs happens quickly, accurately and efficiently.

The Automotive Service Association (ASA), a non-profit trade association serving the automotive service industry, recommends that you take the fol-

lowing steps after an accident to decrease your chance of complications later on:

Move your vehicle to a safe place, and stop and identify yourself to the other driver. If your vehicle cannot be moved, turn on the hazard lights.

Proceed carefully to determine if there are injuries, and seek medical help if needed. Notify the police and tell them who you are, where you are and relate the details of the accident. Let them know of any injuries

or if anyone claims to be injured.

Exchange information with the other vehicle driver, including driver's license number and vehicle registration number. It's also a good idea to take down the vehicle make, model and license plate number.

Make sure to get the other driver's name, address, telephone number, and the name of his or her insurance company. Also make a list of the names and addresses of any passen-

gers and witnesses.

Make sure to get the names and badge numbers of any police officers who arrive at the scene of the accident. Police officers will file a report on your accident if there are injuries. If a report is filed, ask how to obtain a copy of it at a later date.

At the scene of the accident, avoid any extensive discussions about who is responsible for the damage. If the other person admits responsibility, offers a monetary settlement and you accept, then your right to file a claim against the driver may be compromised.

Never agree to just forget about the accident. Even though there are no visible signs of damage to your vehicle, you may find hidden structural damage. The same is true for bodily injuries that may not be reported until a few days later.

Write a complete description of the accident as soon as possible. Your description should include weather conditions, estimated speeds, time of day, road conditions and the direction in which you and the other vehicle were traveling at the time of the accident.

Draw a rough sketch of the site of the accident, and make notes about any statements made by the driver or witnesses. If you happen to be traveling with a camera at the time of



your accident, take photos of the damaged vehicles and the accident site.

Have the vehicle towed or driven to the collision repair facility of your choice. The Automotive Service Association has members throughout the country who provide quality collision repairs and who can be identified by the red, white and blue ASA sign or in the yellow pages with the ASA logo.

Notify your insurance company of the accident as soon as possible.

Documenting this pertinent information will help avoid complications or discrepancies about the details of the accident.

It will also provide you with a written history for your files should problems surface after your vehicle has been repaired to its pre-accident condition.

For a copy of ASA's *What You Should Do In The Event Of An Accident, or Your Vehicle Can And Should Be Restored to Pre-Accident Condition*, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to ASA, P. O. Box 929, Bedford, Texas 76095, Attn.: Consumer Tips.

Safety suggestion for mature drivers

Here's good news for older drivers: your years of driving experience and more mature judgement help you to be a safer driver. Knowing how to avoid dangerous situations, being more cautious and deliberate are almost second nature to most older drivers.

However, age can bring not only more wisdom but also less visual acuity and other physical changes that mean older drivers may need to pay more attention to the skills needed for safety.

Here are a few hints compiled by experts at the AARP Auto and Homeowners Insurance Program that was provided by the ITT Hartford Insurance Group:

- Always use your safety belt.
- Maintain good health habits. Exercise, proper nutrition and regular medical check-ups keep minds and bodies in top condition for driving.
- Stay alert. You must be in control at all times because driving requires quick decisions. Resist becoming complacent just because driving has been a routine for so many years.
- As much as possible, avoid

roads where traffic is heavy.

• Exercise particular caution at night. Eighty-five percent of the information needed for safe driving comes through the eyes, and older eyes are often more sensitive to glare, such as from oncoming headlights.

• Never mix alcohol or medications and driving.

• If you're buying a new car, invest in air bags and anti-lock brakes.

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Protect your car's engine

Summertime temperatures and heat from your car's engine can cause motor oil to lose viscosity or become thinner, resulting in an overheated automobile.

Experts suggest checking the owner's manual to select the correct motor oil viscosity grade. A SAE 10W-30 or 10W-40 motor oil is recommended for year-round use where there is a seasonal temperature change.

These multi-grade oils can adapt to a greater range of temperatures better than is possible for a single-grade motor oil. The majority of late model cars suggest a SAE 5W-30 or 10W-30 motor oil.

For areas with consistently warm climates, it is recommended using a thicker oil such

as SAE 20W-40 or 20W-50 motor oil. It is a good rule of thumb to change the oil every 3,000 miles.

Closely monitor engine oil levels and change the oil and oil filter.

There are six easy steps for changing your own oil and saving money, too. Before you begin you will need the following items: an oil filter wrench, the amount and type of motor oil recommended for the car's engine, an oil filter, a wrench to remove the drain plug, and a low, wide pan to catch the used oil.

Step 1: Position car in a safe spot. Run engine up to operating temperature, then turn off. Set the parking brake.

Step 2: Place drain pan under the car beneath the oil drain plug. Use the wrench to

loosen the drain plug. The oil will be hot, so watch your hands.

Step 3: Next remove the oil filter with the filter wrench by turning counter-clockwise. Be careful not to turn the oil filter upside down because it will be filled with oil.

Step 4: After allowing enough time to drain the oil fully, replace and tighten the oil drain plug, and install the new oil filter. Use your finger to put a light film of oil on the filter gasket and tighten the new filter by hand to ensure a tight seal.

Step 5: Check the owner's manual for the oil fill location and add new oil. Use the proper weight for your car and climate.

Step 6: Dispose of the used oil in an environmentally safe and legally recognized manner.

Be a smarter, safer driver

Heeding some hints can help you be a smarter, safer driver and perhaps save a life while on the road.

When entering a freeway, try to keep steadily increasing your speed as you enter the ramp, avoiding any sudden stops. Use your rear view and side mirrors and look over your shoulder to judge the traffic. Don't forget your turn signal.

Before proceeding through an intersection, look first to the left, then to the right and then back to the left again.

To see if you're driving in a person's blind spot, glance at his or her inside rear view mirror. If you can't see it, the driver can't see you.

If you're the first to arrive at an accident, pull up well beyond it, turn on your emergency flashers and look out for downed power lines or spilled gasoline. If you can do so safely, turn off the ignitions of the wrecked cars. Don't move the injured unless they're in imminent danger. Send for medical help.

If you come upon an accident where someone is bleeding severely, press firmly against the wound with a thick pad of cloth. It's a good idea to keep latex gloves in your first aid kit, and

to use them in this situation. If not, put a plastic bag, several dressings or other barriers between yourself and the victim's blood.

Keep a first aid kit in your car. Include change for a pay phone, cold packs, sterile bandages, a gauze pad, gauze roll, a large box of adhesive bandages, a roll of adhesive tape, scissors, safety pins, blanket, large sheet, cleansing wipes and alco-

hol swabs, two pairs of latex gloves, flares, a flashlight and a fire extinguisher.

Free Booklets

You can get free copies of *How to Be a Smarter Driver*, *How to Help the Injured and Maybe Save a Life* and other helpful Shell Sanser Books for yourself or your civic organizations by calling 1-800-23-SHELL.

My car... my friend

Nobody enjoys being ranked second—especially when there are only two options to begin with. But it's really an insult when you are being pushed aside for something that is neither living nor breathing.

Of course, this is debatable, particularly if the object (yes, object) in question is many people's most treasured possession—their car, (a.k.a. automobile, darling, baby, number 1, etc.).

Cars are, to some people, better companions than their human counterparts. Think about the time and energy people put into the grooming and conditioning of their automobiles—it seems as though many car own-

ers are more interested in the well-being of their vehicle than they are in themselves!

Let's go shopping— for the car, that is. Bras, skirts, wings—many cars have smarter wardrobes than their owners do.

Have an annual check-up — Car owners probably are more familiar with their mechanic than they are their physician.

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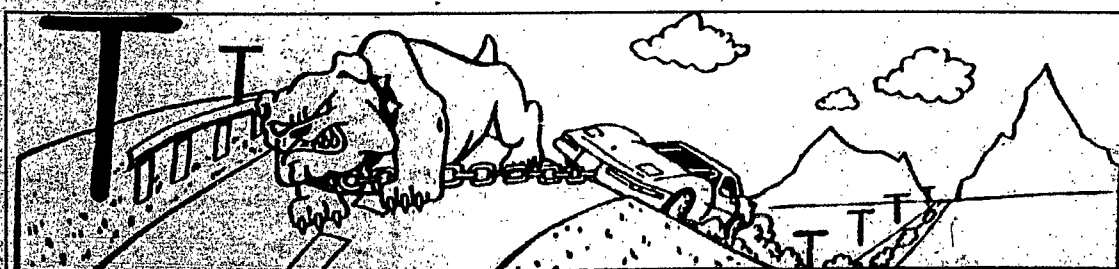
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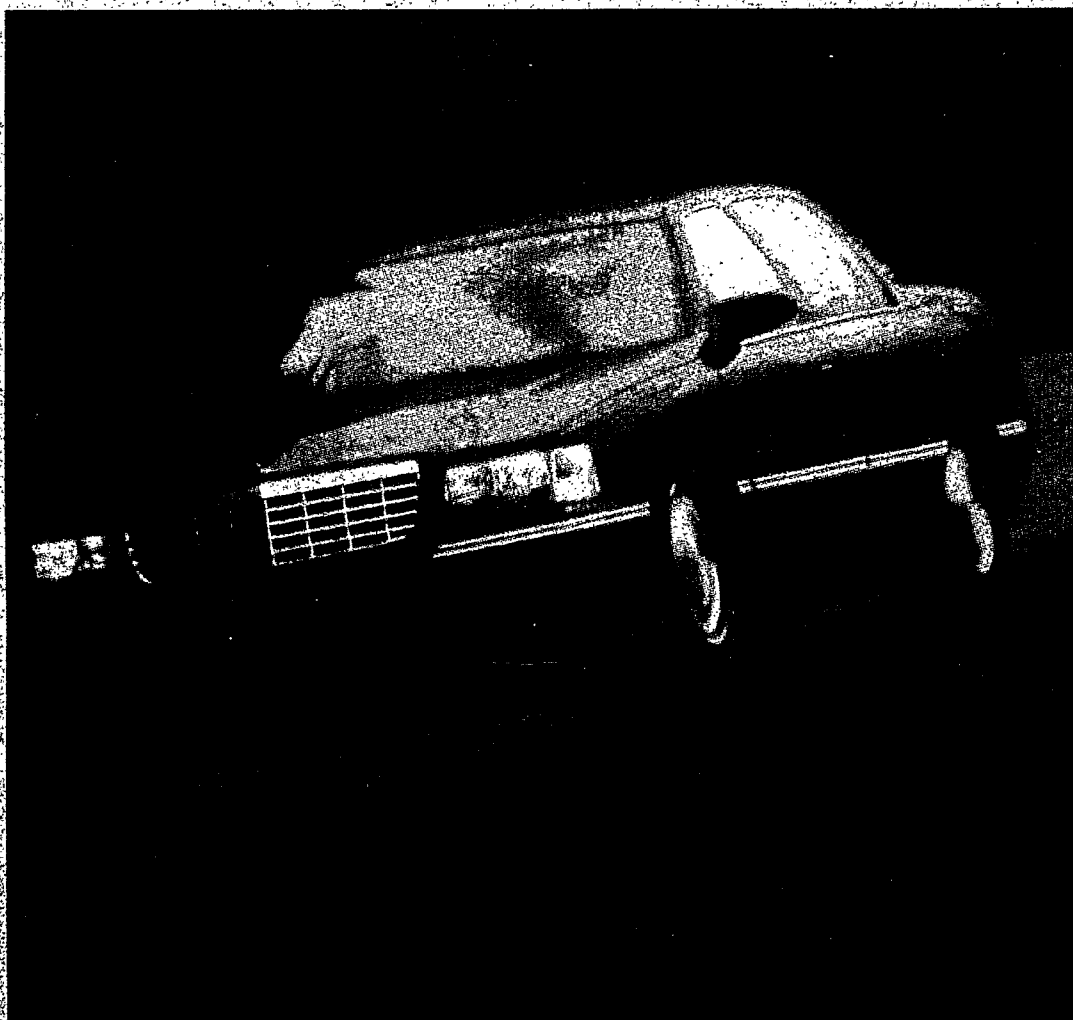
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